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CASE. 32
Dangerous Couple...

Welcome home, Tsutomu-kun
Yes... I'm back.
Hey, Tsutomu-kun.
Yes?
Umm, I... today...
S-Sayama-san asked me to model again
Oh
I wonder if it'd be better to cut off all ties with her?
Eh? Wouldn't it be fine if you accepted?
well...
Yes?
CLINK
In the family restaurant...

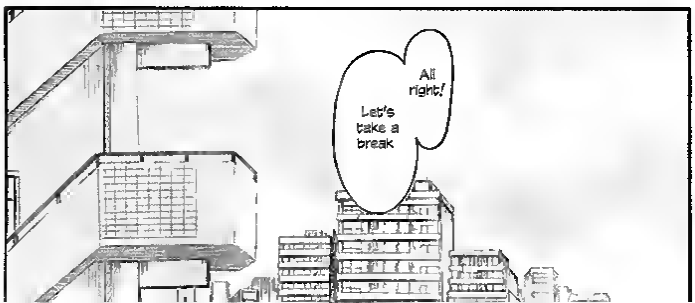
But!!
Listen! She attached me to her company as a model without telling me!
Those people
that photographer also,
Doesn't that mean that you've found a job?
Isn't that wonderful? I'm envious
Ah! I didn't mean it that way
It's a good opportunity
Eh?
Erm... I'm very tired today I'll go to sleep first
Ah... hey!
POUT
All right!! I... I'll accept the modeling job!!

He's enthusiastic as well as polite
That's why he hasn't been coming around lately
Oh- Tsutomu-kun is job hunting
Oh? Didn't he just graduate this year?
A-ahh
It's only a part time job...
Um...
He's really selfless
Ah... Such a good kid
With a company as small as ours... and starting off as a part-timer...
Isn't Tsutomu-kun from W University, President?
I agreed on impulse because of Tsutomu-kun...
I...
originally wanted to refuse it!!

Besides...
Dealing with this guy...
Don't try to get familiar with me!
I-- Leave me alone!
Hey, long time no see
Oh? How have you been? Little miss seems to be in quite the mood.
Why?
I never said I wasn't happy!
...my body just isn't feeling too good.
Hmm? Are things not going well with your boyfriend?
No sex?
Is Tsutomu with that kun woman again?
Ahhh...
Then this
First this
How will I make it through the day?
I'm not a pro!!
Why...
As a pro, you must take good care of your body!
do I...

Eh? So what happened?
What does this...
There was a person...
I had to chase. That's why I was unable to sit for the test
Yes
Oh? Was it a girl?
With getting a job in editing?
have to do...
Again and again
You were able to enter W University, and yet you did things like this? Weren't your parents disappointed?
What? You still live with that girl?
These trivial matters are just rehashed over and over
I've had enough
Women are only useful as things to show off
That being said, you should reflec-
I don't regret what I did!

Take back...
Eh?
Yes!
Erm...
Well then, number 31, Yamada-kun.
I see.
I would like to
retract my previous statements...


All right!
Let's take a break

His job hunt isn't going so well?
Yeah... I think that's it.
I'm quite worried
Even if it doesn't show on my face
For you to be so concerned...
Is your boyfriend still a kid?
N-No!
It's just that he hasn't had any luck since autumn.
He wasn't able to get enough credits
Though he won't say so...
It's because he was chasing me.
It's not your fault.
.....?
It's normal to do so much for the sake of love, right?
Normal?
Even though I...
At 27 years old, I...
still don't know what a normal love life is

I'm 27 years old
I'm insecure so...
GYAA...
フフ・・・
From now on, no matter how hard it is...
No matter how hard, you'll still be able to love
It'll be all right
DOKI!
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI

Break time is over!
We have to finish the last two takes today!
Hmm?
What happened to your face, Sata-san?
Well... it's nothing.
ドキ
ドキ
ドキ

Those interviewers are cruel
They don't have any standards!
They only ask to satisfy their own curiosity!
Oh! Tsutomu-kun can also get this angry
But, you also thought that...
If... you had properly gotten your credits,
you wouldn't be in this situation now

That's not true!!
I! Regret! Nothing!!
Wah! S-sorry!!
It hurts!
But, you do have a girlfriend.
Isn't that wonder-Having fu!? that important person...
You're able to seek comfort from that person
Cheer up! Or else you won't be able to fight in this "war."
Well, if you need to complain, I can listen too
Of course, you have to listen to my complaints as well!
That's right! The company before this one...

I said I'm fine! I can go home myself.
But you said your body wasn't doing so well
Don't put your arm over my shoulder!!
Others will get the wrong impression!
Oh?
They must be thinking we are parent and child.
Ah..
Tsutomu-kun?!
Oh?
Well, I'll be leaving then
See you later
Sure
See you
Ah!?
You two seem to be getting close.
T-That guy was very insistent!!

SQUEEZE
ぎゅむっ・・・
Erm Tsutomu-kun?
Uh.
The people around
No... Tsutomu-un!
We shouldn't be doing it in here!
Tsu-tomu-kun, here
We can't!
Ah?!

Hey?!
Tsu-tomu-kun
Stop...
Ah!♡
Ah?!
Doing it in such a place...
Furthermore... my body...
today
Wait!
N-no..
Hey wait
Tsu-tomu-kun?
Tsutom...
T-Tsu-tomu-kun?!
Wait!
Kya!!
Well
okay♡
So today...

Ahh!!
Hyaa!
Screech
You were there yesterday, right?
The section chief was being damned cruel
Filling me up
It's big
A-ah
Nn!
Ah...
Puaa
ah

The section chief likes the cabaret club too!
It was late at night by the time he took a taxi home
Tsu-tomu-kun, More people came
L-Listen
We can't...
Ugh!
Da!?
So? Didn't you have fun too?
Yeah, but I had to pay for his cab...
BAM!
Nn!
Ni!
Ah!
L-Let's go home, okay?
Or, a hotel...
I want to do it... now!
Right now
Okay!

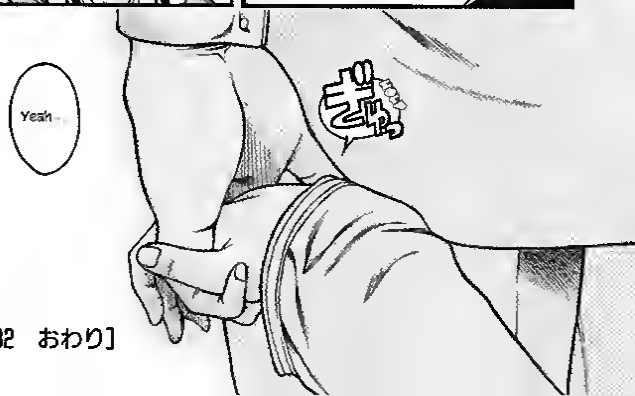
Going to-night?
Pro-bably
Ah!♡
Ah!
Mi-♡
Liar!
Ah!
Ah, don't!
Hya!♡
Tsutomu-kun
feels so good!♡
They hug you and kiss you...
There!!
But, I really did enjoy it!♡

No...
Mn!
Yaaa!
haaa
Ah!
Ahh!♡
but it feels so good!
We shouldn't...
Put it in...
Tsu-tomu-kun!
Tsu-tomu-kun!
Agehа-san!
Ah!
Agehа-san!
Ah...
Agehа-san!
Nn!♡
I can't
Tsuto

Tsutomu-kun!!
Tsutomu-kun!!
MASSIVE
AH!
Ahh!!
NN!

Hey... Tsutomu-kun?
Is everything all right?
Yeah. I'm sorry.
I've had a lot on my mind lately.
I was surprised...
It was different from the usual...
It's just that...
no matter what...

No matter what.
I wanted to feel Ageha-san's warmth...


Yeah...
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Case 33: Accident?!

AGEHA-SAN
HAA
RE-CENTLY TSUTOMU-KUN
AS SOON AS HE COMES HOME, I IMMEDIATELY GIVE IN TO HIS DESIRES
BUT... HE HAS SUCH A STIFF EXPRESSION
I THINK
AAH
I WONDER IF HIS JOB SEARCH HASN'T BEEN GOING WELL...
ANH
AAH
AAH
AAH
AGEHA-SAN
HAA
AGEHA-SAN
MHN
ENOUGH TSUTOMU-KUN I CAN'T..
COOK
AHN

NNN
FROM HIGH-SCHOOL TO WHEN I WAS MARRIED. I..
I'M GLAD I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING..
EVEN IF I HAD WOR-RIES.
AAH
I DIDN'T HAVE TO SHARE THEM WITH THAT PERSON
AAH
I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PRO-TECTED
ALL I'VE DONE IS GOTTEN OLDER.
AT TIMES LIKE THIS
WHAT AM I SUP-POSED TO DO?
I DON'T KNOW...
AND THAT IRRITATES ME
NN
I'LL
DO NOTHING BY EM-BRACE TSUTO-MUKUN
HAA
HAA
HAA
WHEN IT COMES TO NORMAL LOVE,
AAH
AT TIMES LIKE THIS, WHY IS ANYTHING I DO FINE? I WONDER IF I REALIZE THAT.
IF IT'S ME... I'LL...
AAH

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!!
ドクッ
ドクッ
AH!
AGEHA-SAN!!!
AH?!
AGAIN?!
MORE
EVEN MORE
HAPPY FACE.
TSU-TOMU-KUN MADE A..
SORRY... AGEHA-SAN
ALL OF A SUDDEN BUT

CA-
CAN YOU TAKE A LOOK AT IT NOW?
THIS PLACE WAS THE NEXT ON MY LIST ...
BUT ...
THE SO-CALLED PRESSURED INTERVIEWS DECREASED ...
HRM... A LITERATURE MAGAZINE, HUH.
WELL, I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
I... OVER-REACTED JUST NOW.
AH.
THIS.
SO...
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SHOW ME?
HMMM ...
IT'S A WELL DONE DOUJINSHI
I THOUGHT IT WAS WELL-MADE.
THANK YOU VERY ... MUCH!
UM.
HUH?
WELL THEN, IF THERE'S NOTHING ELSE, LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT CONCERN OF INTEREST.

EVERY-THING... IS JUST A WASTED EFFORT...
WHEN THE INTERVIEWS ARE FINISHED, IT BECOMES A TEMPEST OF SELF-LOATHING
HEY
AFTER THIS DO YOU WANNA GET SOME TEA?
A CHANGE OF FACE IS IMPORTANT TOO YOU KNOW
I'M SORRY MURADA-SAN,
NOT TODAY I'M GOING HOME.
WHY IS IT LIKE THIS...

DAMMIT!
WHY DID I TRY TO APPLY THERE?
I... DAMMIT ...
IS THE BATH HOT?
I'M COMING IN.

HEY... IN MY MOUTH
SHOULD I?
TSU-TOMLI-KUN .. LAUGH
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD.
OKAY.
!
HEY, TSU-TOMLI KUN ...
HOW DID TODAY GO?
HAA
EH... WELL, IT WAS SO-SO.
HAA
TSU-TOMLI-KUN, BECAUSE YOU'RE TRYING TOO HARD WITH THIS, JUST BE CAREFUL, OKAY?
OKAY.
AGEHA-SAN... IS GENTLE.
WHEN I EMBRACE AGEHA-SAN...
SHE ASKS FOR NOTHING, AND TAKES IT ALL.
SHE'S SOFT... AND WARM.
AGEHA-SAN HAS SUCH A SWEET SCENT.

ALL OF THE THINGS I COULDN'T DEAL WITH ...
EHEH ... IT'S BIG!
TSU-TOMU-KUN'S WON'T FIT IN MY THING MOUTH.
IN JUST AN IN-STANT, ARE FOR-GOTTEN...
AND THEN ...
AFTER THAT...
IT'S REALLY ... PAIN-FUL.
!!?
DAM MIT!
HAA
MMH
HAA

HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
EVEN THOUGH... I DIDN'T INTEND TO BE HARSH WITH HER.
YOU'RE LIVELY
DID YOU COME?
MMH
MMH
MMH
DAMMIT!
DAMMIT
WHY?
けほっ
AAH I-I'M SORRY, AGEHA-SAN...
AAH ...

BUSY ...
I APPLIED TO ALL OF THE BIG PUBLISHING COMPANIES THAT WERE HIRING DURING THAT TIME
I BLEW THROUGH ALL OF THE CLASSES I WAS TAKING
IN MY CASE, I HAD TO REPEAT A CLASS BECAUSE I WAS MISSING JUST ONE CREDIT.
BECAUSE I DION'T HAVE A CHANCE OF GRADUATING IF I DION'T
BUT I'M SURE I CAN
THERE'S A TEST NEXT WEEK.
IF I TRY MY BEST, ALL THIS HARD WORK WILL SURELY PAY OFF
HUH?
PEOPLE WHO WANT A CREDIT HAVE TO TAKE THE TEST WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
IT HAS TO
THIS IS WHY I HATE YANDA...
THIS SUCKS
I HAVEN'T SEEN TSUTOMU-KUN IN THE CLUBROOM AT ALL LATELY
I HAVEN'T SEEN AGEHA-SAN EITHER
SENPAI IS GOING TO MODEL AGAIN
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S BUSY LOOKING FOR A JOB
WOW
I WANT TO GO TO SEE THE PHOTO-SHOOT.
OH! I WANT TO GO TOO!

HUH? TSU-TOMU-KUN...
AH?!
AGEHA-SAN.
HEY... TSU-TSU-TOMU-KUN.
I CAN'T
TOMOR-ROW IS THE PHOTO-SHOOT.
IF YOU MAKE ME GET BAGS UNDER MY EYES I'LL GET MAD AT YOU.
THE PHOTO-SHOOT.
AH...
THAT PHOTOG-RAPHER... RIGHT...
GEEZ! DON'T WORRY ABOUT SUCH WEIRD THINGS!
YOU'RE JEALOUS
AAH
MNN
AH!?
NO... ACK!
ANH

AAAA-AAHH
AAH
TSU-TOMU-KUN!!
AH
TSU...

MY HANDS AND FEET GO NUMB WITH FEAR.
WHEN I THINK LIKE THAT...
THIS EFFORT MAY GO UNREWARDED
I NEED TO PUT EFFORT INTO THIS
I HAVE TO DO MY BEST

EVER SINCE I WAS SMALL, AS LONG AS I MADE AN EFFORT...
THERE WAS ALWAYS A REWARD IN THE END.
MY HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION, CLUB ACTIVITIES,
COLLEGE EXAMS... AS WELL AS LOVE
I SMILED THROUGH IT ALL... THAT WAS THE ME UP UNTIL NOW.
I WONDER IF THERE IS SUCH A THING... AS AN UNREWARDED EFFORT.
"SIGH"
"SIGH"
DON'T TELL ME...
MY DREAM PROBABLY WON'T COME TO PASS.
PUBLICATION IS DIFFERENT... EVEN THOUGH I CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE IN THE FUTURE WITH A JOB THAT I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IT.
THAT TYPE OF LIFE...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND... HOW SUCH A LIFE CAN EXIST.
UP UNTIL NOW, I HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT ANYTHING.
I'M SCARED
SCARED?
I HAVE ... AN INTERVIEW AGAIN TOMORROW.
TOMORROW FOR SURE.

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR WORK
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN I DON'T NEED TO GIVE YOU ADVICE
LET'S SEE.
AH
I'M SELF-TAUGHT, BUT IT'S A STANDARD JOB
BOOK GRIPP
YOU... REALLY ARE PERSISTENT.
SO, YOU WANT ME TO LOOK AT THIS?
YES! THIS IS THE CLUB BULLETIN THAT I MADE.
THIS THING IS WORTH NOTHING.
DID YOU PLAN TO SHOW EVERYONE THIS BOOK YOU MADE?
THE WEAVE PATTERN AND DESIGN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, LOOKS CONSIDERABLY ELABORATE.
BUT IT'S HARD TO LOOK AT.
A BOOK WHERE READERS DON'T HAVE TO USE THEIR IMAGINATION IS GARBAGE

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU SHOW THIS TO OTHER PEOPLE
THIS BOOK HAS THE SMELL OF SELF-SATISFACTION
IT'S FINE FOR AN AMATEUR NEVERTHELESS
IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US AND MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
NO THANKS
...WELL, THE DESIGN I CAN'T OVERLOOK BUT...
YOU SAID YOU MADE THIS, RIGHT?
THIS MANUSCRIPT? YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T WRITE IT RIGHT?
THE FACT THAT YOU FORGOT TO MENTION YOU WEREN'T THE WRITER
MAKES THIS WORTH ZERO POINTS
THIS LEVEL OF SKILL, WITH SOME TIME, ANYONE COULD DO IT.
EVEN IF YOU'RE BRINGING THIS KIND OF THING TO OTHER COMPANIES FOR INTERVIEWS
I SEE ...
IT SEEM YOU ONLY HAVE YOUR USELESS CONFIDENCE
TO MAKE IT LOOK NICE.

HUH? AGEHA-SAN?
I'M NOT FEELING WELL I'M GOING TO THE TOILET
EH?! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
THERE'S A PHOTO-SHOOT TOMOR ROW AS WELL
ALRIGHT... THERE'S NO WAY SHE'S ALRIGHT
IN THIS CASE...
IT'S ALL THAT LITTLE BOY'S FAULT
FOR THE BAGS UNDER HER EYES.
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

I WONDER IS HE ASLEEP?
AH

I'M HOME, TSUTOMU-KUN
I'M TIRED TODAY ...
HUH?

TSU-TOMU-KUN

I'm going to head early so I can rest up for tomorrow's test
P.S Today was so good

ARE YOU OKAY?

YOU'RE OKAY, RIGHT? TSUTOMU-KUN

HE'S HERE AYA-CHAN!
IN HERE!
ITOU-SENPAI!?
TESTS SUCK...
BUT THIS IS A REQUIRED SUBJECT...
HEY, LEMME SEE YOUR NOTES!
YURIKA-CHAN?
SENPAI!!
UM...
AGEHA-SAN COLLAPSED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PHOTOSHOOT!
SHE'S IN THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW!!

IT'S OUR FAULT THAT WE PUT TOGETHER SUCH AN IMPOSSIBLE SCHEDULE
I-I'M SORRY.
TSU-TOMU-KUN!
IT'S OSANAI! OSANAI AGE-HATT
THAT'S GOOD
I'M GLAD
AH?! AGEHA-SAN!
OH DON'T WORRY, SHE ISN'T SICK!
SHE WAS JUST EXHAUSTED SO SHE SHOULD BE RESTING
WHERE IS AGEHA-SAN?!
UHM. THEN CAN I
IF THAT'S THE CASE
IF I CAN HEAD BACK NOW, I WONDER IF I CAN MAKE THE TEST
IT'S ABOUT 10 MINUTES BY BIKE
CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SECOND?

BUT I...
HAVE SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T MISS. NO MATTER WHAT
I-I HAVE TO GO RIGHT NOW.
THIS IS MY GRAND-FATHER'S HOSPI-TAL.
THERE' SOMETHING THAT I NEED TO TELL YOU. FOR YOUR EARS ONLY
.... YOU'RE ....
UHM ....
I'M REALLY IN A HURRY.
...IT'S NOT BRIEF
AND, WELL...
COME NOW
IT'S ABOUT HER.

SHE'S PREGNANT.
IT'S 3 MONTHS IN, BUT BEFORE IT GETS TO THE STABLE PERIOD, SHE SHOULD TEND TO HER BODY
... THAT'S HOW IT IS.
... WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
IT'S YOUR
CHILD

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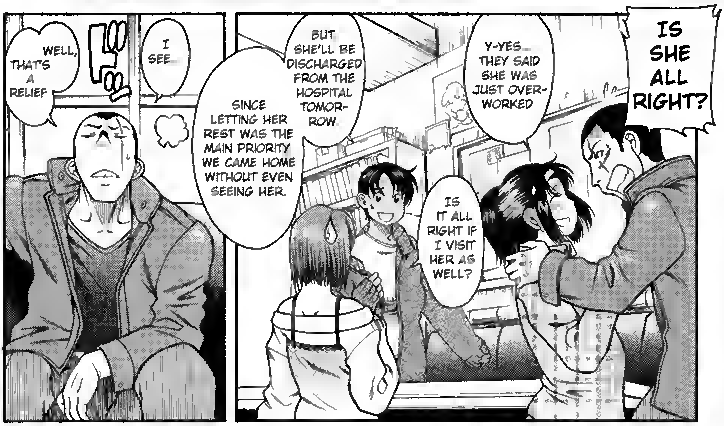
CASE. 34
Happiness and Sorrow

AGEHA-SAN COLL-APSED??


IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
Y-YES... THEY SAID SHE WAS JUST OVER-WORKED
IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I VISIT HER AS WELL?
BUT SHE'LL BE DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL TOMOR-ROW.
SINCE LETTING HER REST WAS THE MAIN PRIORITY WE CAME HOME WITHOUT EVEN SEEING HER.
I SEE...
WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF

AND...
TSU-TOMU?
IS HE THERE?
AH... NO...
ITOU-SENPAI
HE HAD... AN EXAM-INATION TODAY

THE EXAM-INATION ALREADY ENDED
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME DURING LESSON TIME?
I- I WAS IN THE CLASS-ROOM
THERE WAS AN EMER-GENCY
SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO ME COLLAPSED
BUT, ISN'T THAT YOUR PROBLEM?
ANYWAY, THERE WILL BE NO SUPPLE-MENTARY EXAM-INATION
I BEG OF YOU!
M-MY GRADU-ATION IS APPROACH-ING!
MOREOVER, I HAVEN'T BEEN SUCCES-SFUL WITH MY JOB HUNTING
IF I CAN'T SIT FOR A SUPPLE-MENTARY EXAM, I'LL DO A REPORT OR SOMETHING
SO,
YOU
WHY ARE YOU BEHAVING LIKE A SPOILED CHILD?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU SHOULD BE GIVEN SPECIAL TREATMENT?
THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT?

sfx. hang
ANYWAY THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A REQUIRED CLASS FOR 3RD-YEARS
ISN'T THIS YOUR 4TH YEAR? DON'T YOU THINK IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR PUTTING IT OFF?
COME BACK NEXT YEAR.
WELL I HAD SEVERAL PROB-LEMS
WHAT? AGAIN WITH THE EXCUSES IS IT?
WHOSE FAULT IS IT?
NO
NO

TSU-TOMU-KUN
SORRY
DON'T MAKE SUCH A FACE
TSU-TOMU-KUN?
TSUTOMU-KUN
TSU-TOMU-KUN?
WHAT'S WRONG?
ギュッ
AH
TSU-TOMU-KU...
SORRY
SORRY
THAT IT'S ME

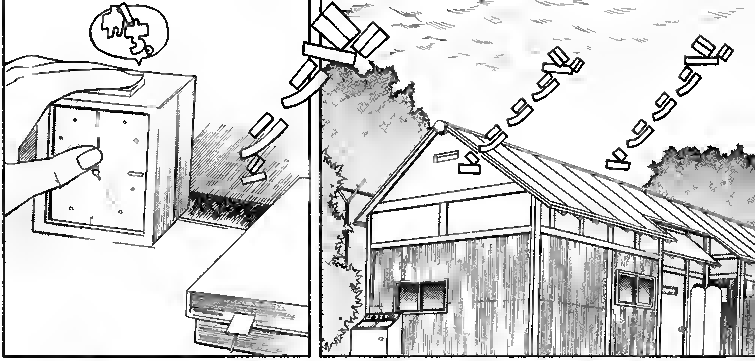
KYA!
NO!! EH, MY CLO-THES?
HOS-PITAL!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NO"?
IT'S ALL RIGHT
THE ONES WHO CHANGED YOUR CLOTHES WERE SAYAMA AND THE NURSE
CHANGE CLOTHES ?
I'M SORRY!!
AHH... THAT'S RIGHT. I COLLAPSED DURING THE PHOTO SHOOT
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF OUR BAD SCHEDULING
AFTER-WARDS
THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND SAYAMA WILL BE COMING OVER TO APOLOGIZE
AH... NO, I...
YOU HAD TO STOP WORK BECAUSE OF MY BODY'S CONDITION
I'M SORRY

ACTUALLY, YOU SHOULDN'T BE HEARING THIS FROM ME, BUT...
NO YOU'RE MISTAKEN
I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN

I KNOW... YOU MUST BE CONFUSED.
NO... I'M NOT

I'M...
HAPPY
I...
WHEN I WAS MARRIED I DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN...
AND SO... I THOUGHT THAT WITH THIS BODY I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO HAVE ANY...
WHAT SMALL SHOULDERS...
I... WITH TSUTOMU-KUN.
WHERE'S TSUTOMU-KUN?

AHH HE SEEMS RATHER BUSY
WELL YOU'LL BE DISCHARGED TOMORROW
LET THEM GIVE YOU ANOTHER IV
AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM TOMORROW HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
TSUTOMU-KUN
YES
DOES HE KNOW ABOUT THIS?
HE'S BEEN TOLD
TODAY
TODAY... I CAN'T MEET HER.
TOMORROW
WHEN WE MEET ...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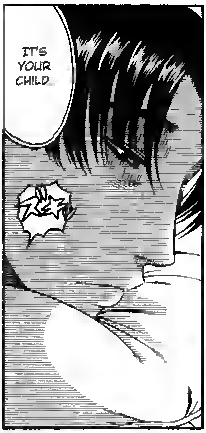
IT'S YOUR CHILD.
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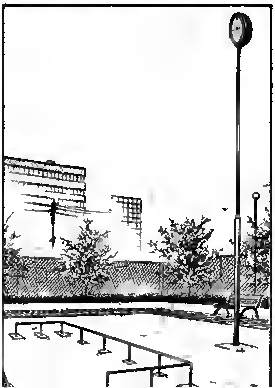
COME BACK NEXT YEAR.
COME BACK WHEN YOU'VE IMP-ROVED

SOCIO-LOGY FIRST PERIOD EH
THEN AN INTER-VIEW WITH CHIKUMA IN THE AFTER-NOON
AND THEN, I'LL GO TO THE HOS-PITAL.



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I'M A FATHER.
I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE IT...
REALLY ? A LIFE WITH AGEHA-SAN?
I MEAN
MY JOB HUNTING
ISN'T EVEN GOING WELL
AND IT'LL JUST GET WORSE
JOB HUNTING?
AT THIS RATE I WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO GRADUATE
INTER-VIEWS?
MY INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN FAILURES...
I... SKIPPED CLASS
AND FROM NOW ON I'LL HAVE A BABY
IT MAKES ME WANNA LAUGH
I'M AFRAID
INSTEAD OF BEING HAPPY
I'M STILL A STUDENT, AND ONE WHO CAN'T EVEN SEEM TO GRADUATE
AN IDIOT WHO COULDN'T EVEN NOTICE WHAT WAS HAPPENING WITH AGEHA-SAN.
I CAN'T BEAR TO FACE HER TODAY...
AND EMPLOY-MENT... MY DREAM WAS TO BECOME AN EDITOR...
WELL I CAN FORGET ABOUT THAT NOW...
I'LL HAVE TO SUPPORT MY CHILD AND FAMILY
HOW COULD I GO CHAS-ING MY DREAMS WITH ALL THAT TO WORRY ABOUT
ME...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE I'M ALREADY GIVING THIS ALL I HAVE
BUT... TO WORK AT A JOB I'M NOT INTERESTED IN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
I'M SCARED
I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT...

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SHOULD I MAKE HER...
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GET AN ABORTION ...?
WHAT AM I... THINK-ING...
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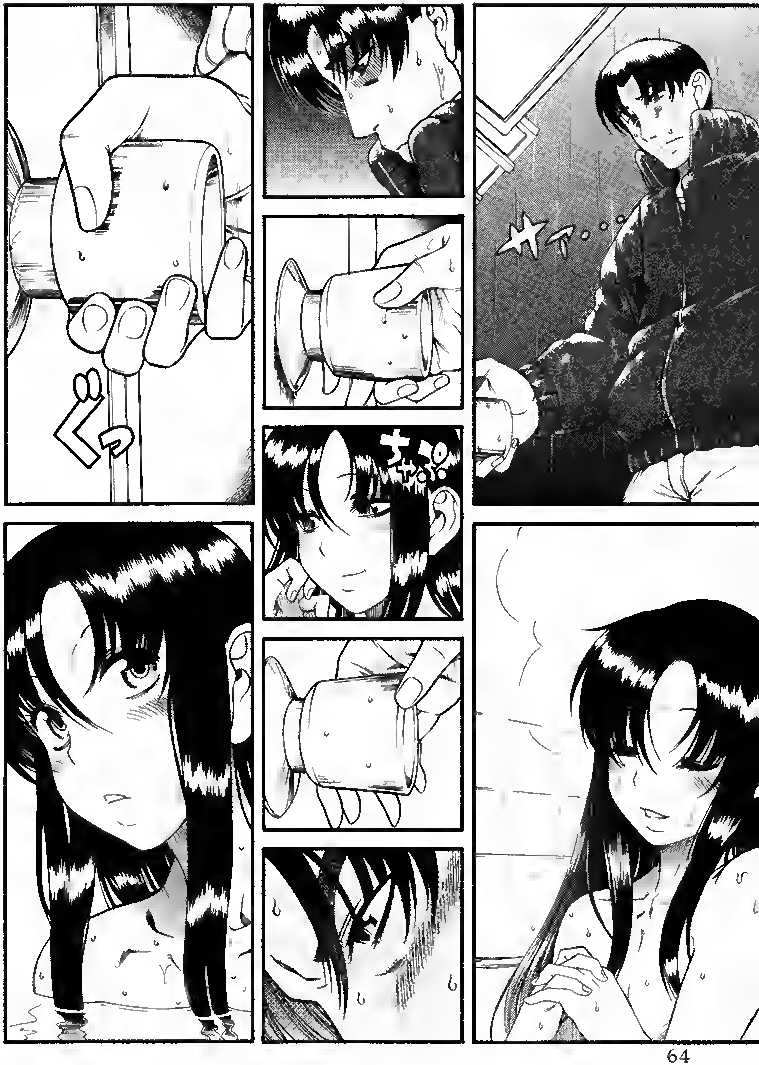
I WONDER IF TSUTOMU-KUN IS OK?
HE HAS AN INTERVIEW
THE RAIN
ISN'T STOPPING.

I...
I WONDER IF
A BABY WILL COME OUT OF THESE HIPS
IF MY BREASTS WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE MILK...
WILL I BE ABLE TO HUG HIM WITH THIS BONY BODY?
I WONDER IF THE BABY WILL CRY...
I'M... A MOTHER...

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I HAD A MORE WOMANLY BODY
I'M ALREADY 27
AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO GROW ANYMORE
IT PAINS ME TO THINK ABOUT THAT
I'M WORRIED
BUT...
BUT NOW
YOU EXIST INSIDE OF ME
MINE...
AND TSUTOMU-KUN'S BABY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TSU-TOMU-KUN?
TSU-TOMU-KUN?
YOU GAVE UP JOB HUNTING IN THE END
MUR-ACHI?
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DON'T YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS IN THE TRAVEL AND PUBLICATION INDUSTRIES?
I WAS ANNH-ILATED.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?! .COMFORT ME!
IS THAT SO... WE UNDER-STAND

TSUTOMU-KUN?

I COULD ENJOY MYSELF TO THE FULLEST DURING MY STUDENT DAYS
BUT NO MATTER HOW NICE I TRY TO MAKE MYSELF LOOK WHEN I'M JOB HUNTING THEY LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M TRASH.
YEAH, I WAS SURPRISED MURACHI OF ALL PEOPLE DYED HER HAIR BLACK AND WORE A SUIT
THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS CHEER ME UP.
YOU KNOW I'M REALLY DEPRESSED RIGHT NOW

AREN'T THERE ANY GOOD MEN AROUND TO COME AND SAVE ME?
A GOOD MAN, YOU SAY?
THAT'S RIGHT

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS FALL FOR SUCH GOOD-FOR-NOTHING MEN?
MURACHI IS A LOSER LOVER THROUGH AND THROUGH

YOU GUYS
!?
EH!?
WHAT'S THE MATTER MURACHI?
Fly

[CASE. 34　おわり]

年上ノ彼女(ヒト)

CASE. 35
A man who can't go home...

HAHA, YEAH, SHE WANTED TO BE COMFORTED AFTER TODAY'S JOB HUNTING YOU KNOW
REALLY!
THAT MURACCHI IS SOOO
WELL, HE LOOKS LIKE SHIT SEEMS LIKE MURACCHI'S TYPE
AH! I THOUGHT SO TOO!
THAT DULL, GLOOMY LOOK!
SHE LOVES GUYS LIKE THAT
UP TO HERE IS FINE!
SEE YOU!
SHE LOOKS SO HAPPY BRINGING A GUY HOME
IS THAT HER NEW BOY FRIEND?
SHE'S READY TO GOBBLE HIM RIGHT UP.

I TOLD MURATA-SAN ABOUT EVERYTHING UP UNTIL NOW
MURATA-SAN LISTENED TO ME IN SILENCE
MY FATHER PROBABLY WON'T FORGIVE ME FOR TAKING ANOTHER YEAR.
HE'S SINGLE-HANDEDLY RUNNING HIS OWN STORE, AFTER ALL.
HE'S STRICT TO BOTH HIMSELF AND EVERYONE ELSE.
BUT, I THOUGHT, MAYBE THAT WOULD BE OK
FOR A YEAR, I COULD WORK TO PAY FOR MY SCHOOL FEES AND THEN GRADUATE
I THOUGHT, WITH THAT, MAYBE HE'D PERMIT IT...
BUT NOW I DON'T EVEN HAVE CONFIDENCE
THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO GRADUATE THAT WAY!!
EVEN WITH JOB HUNTING
CONFIDENCE WAS ALL I HAD WITH THOSE CLUB BULLLETINS AND STUFF.
BUT,
NOW I'VE FINALLY REALIZED JUST WHAT A POWERLESS HUMAN
I REALLY AM.

ABOUT AGEHA-SANS PREG-NANCY.
EXCEPT, I WASN'T ABLE TO TELL HER
I'VE STARTED TO THINK THAT I REALLY CAN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING... AND NEVER COULD...
IT MUST BE ROUGH
SO THEN...
THAT WOULD JUST BE TOO MUCH...
YOU GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND AND RAN OUT OF THE HOUSE.
TSUTOMU KUN
YOU POOR THING
I ALSO

PITIFUL
WE'RE QUITE SIMILAR
ME?
SO I JUST DECIDED I DIDN'T CARE ANYMORE
MY JOB HUNTING DIDN'T GO WELL,
POOR THING?
BROKE UP WITH MY FORMER BOYFRIEND

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DRINK MORE
WE'RE COMRADES IN THE SAME SITUATION LET'S TALK MORE
STAY HERE TONIGHT

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WHAT'S WRONG?
HE HASN'T CALLED ME EITHER
IT'S ALREADY SO LATE
AND THE RAIN ISN'T LETTING UP
IS HE OK?
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IT'S GONNA BE COLD TONIGHT
IF HE CATCHES A COLD HIS JOB HUNTING WILL
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I'M ALSO GETTING COLD
THAT'S NOT GOOD

I'M NOT... POOR OR PITIFUL AT ALL
I DON'T FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF "UNFORTUNATE"
EVEN IF... EVEN IF I WAS UNLUCKY
THEN THAT MEANS OBSTACLES LIKE THIS WILL JUST FALL DOWN ON ME ONE AFTER ANOTHER FROM HERE ON OUT

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AND IT SEEMS LIKE I'LL TRIP OVER ALL OF THEM FROM HERE ON OUT, AS WELL...
FROM NOW ON... AND FOR-EVER...
AND AFR-AID
AHH
I'M SO WOR RIED
DAMNIT!
AH!
AND... ON TOP OF THAT
WHAT SHOULD I DO HOW SHOULD I PROCEED...
AGEHA-SAN
NN

I CAN'T!
I... I'M A STUDENT, AND I HAVE ABSOLUTLY NO VISION OF MY FUTURE
ME? HAVING A CHILD?
IT'S TOO SUDDEN
I HAVE NEITHER THE CONFIDENCE NOR THE RESOLVE I'M SCARED
I WANT TO ESCAPE
BUT... I KNOW I CAN'T.
AGEHA-SAN!!!
AGEHA-SAN
AGEHA-SAN
AGEHA-SAN
I...
AH
AH
NN
AGEHA-SAN

TSU-
TOMU-
KUN...
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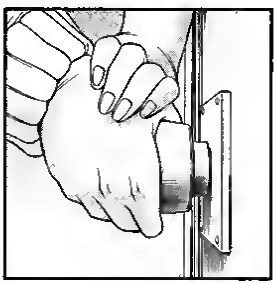
AH! YOU'RE AWAKE
!!
MORNING
DON'T TELL ME, I
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S WITH THAT STUPID LOOK?
I
I...?
EH?
I...?
I-IT'S MORNING?!
ERM... I HAVE TO GO
?

EH?
I HAVE TO GO BACK!!
AH! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

WHAT!?
ERM. IT'S 6 IN THE EVEN-ING

TO HER PLACE?
YOU'RE GOING BACK

W-WAIT!
BUT... BUT THE WHOLE DAY...



WHEN YOU WERE SLEEPING TSUTOMU-KUN.
YOU SEEMED TO BE HAVING A NIGHT-MARE.
YOU DON'T SEEM PREPARED TO MEET HER YET...

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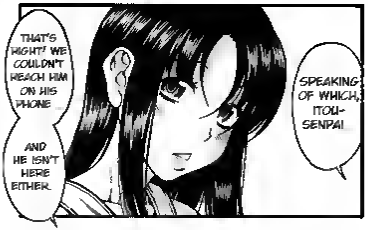
TSUTOMU-KU...
WE'VE COME TO VISIT
EH?
TSUTOMU-KUN ISN'T AROUND?

AL-
READY
...
EVERYTHING
IS
ALREADY

AH...
BUT WE'VE
JUST COME
TO VISIT
NO,
IT'S
FINE,
I'LL
GO
PREPARE
IT
I'LL
PUT ON
THE TEA
IF IT
HELPS!
WILL
BLACK
TEA DO?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OF WHICH,
ITOU-
SENPAI
THAT'S
RIGHT! WE
COULDN'T
REACH HIM
ON HIS
PHONE
AND
HE ISN'T
HERE
EITHER.

AH! BUT
TSUTOMU-
SAN IS
VERY
BUSY
SHALL
WE LEAVE
SOME CAKE
FOR HIM?
YEAH

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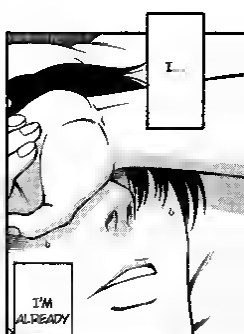
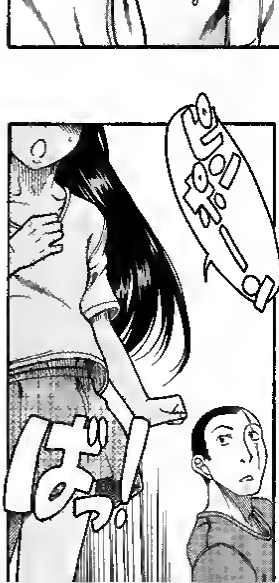

I...
I'M ALREADY

JUMP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IF IT'S A CALL FROM AGEHA-SAN, DEF-INETLY TSUTOMU-KUN WILL PICK IT UP
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HEY, PLEASE GIVE A CALL TO TSUTOMU SENPAI, OR ELSE I'LL BE EATING HIS SHARE OF THE CAKE!

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HELLO THIS IS AN APOLOGY
AND
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HMM?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I'VE MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE HOSPITAL FOR YOU.
IT'S UP TO YOU... WHAT YOU WANT TO DO FROM HERE ON OUT.
EH? I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ITOU-SENPAI.
WHO'S HE?
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO LISTEN TO WHAT A MEDICAL SPECIALIST HAS TO SAY.
THE ONE WHO BROUGHT HER TO THE HOSPITAL.
HE'S THE CAMERAMAN FOR THE MAGAZINE
TSUTOMU KUN...
ISN'T AROUND?

IS THAT SO...

WE CAN'T
STOP IT, MURATA-SAN.
NO...
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NO
NO WE CAN'T!
STOP
WE CAN'T
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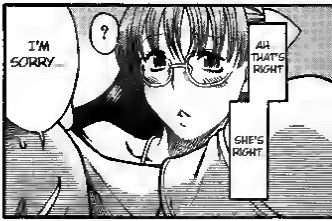
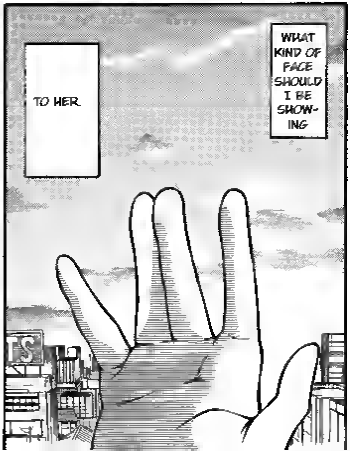
I'M CRYING
Ah!
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD
PLEASE
STOP
I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT HURTS
NO?
IT DOESN'T FEEL GOOD WITH ME?
NO THAT'S NOT IT
BUT
WHY AM I
SO THEN, LAST NIGHT WAS THE SAME, HUH?

IN THE END
YOU COULDN'T GET AN ERECTION, YOU KNOW
AH


I'M SORRY...
?
AH THAT'S RIGHT
SHE'S RIGHT

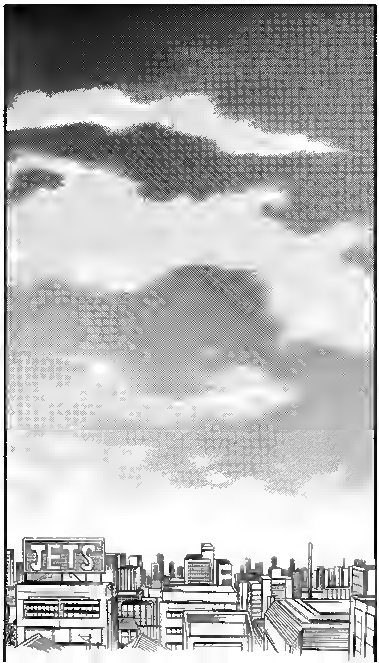
FROM NOW ON...

I'M...
I'M THAT KIND
IMPOTENT...
OF GUY


WHAT KIND OF FACE SHOULD I BE SHOWING
TO HER...

DON'T WORRY, ALRIGHT?
THOSE KINDS OF THINGS JUST HAPPEN.
NO
ERM.
OK...
THIS HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE, YOU KNOW
YOU JUST NEED TO CHANGE UP YOUR MOOD.
IT'S A PROBLEM OF NEEDING A CHANGE OF PACE
IF THIS CONTINUES,
YOU MIGHT JUST CONTINUE TO FALL LOWER AND LOWER.
SHALL WE GO ON A TRIP?
TOGETHER?

CHANGE YOUR MOOD AND RECHARGE YOURSELF!
IF YOU DON'T, THEN YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP... YOU KNOW?
I ALWAYS REBOUND FROM A BROKEN HEART WITH THAT
JUST LEAVE THE PLANNING OF THE TRIP TO ME!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THIS WAY I CAN TAKE CARE OF MY NEEDS, TOO
ALL RIGHT!
IT'S MORE FUN WITH 2 PEOPLE!

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CASE. 36 Elopement

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TSUTOMU-KU...N?
TSU-TOMU-KUN...
...WHO IS THAT? TSUTOMU-KUN?
AH
THAT... ISN'T ME?
HAA
TSUTOMU-KUN
NN
AH

EVEN YOU...
CHOSE SOMEONE ELSE...
TSUTOMU-KUN...
NO TSUTOMU-KUN
STOP IT ALREADY
DON'T DO THIS ANYMORE
TSUTOMU-KUN... TSUTOMU-KUN... EVEN YOU...

HELLO .
I HAPPENED TO BE IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD
. SO
?
JUDGING FROM YOUR FACE,
HE HASN'T RETURNED,
HAS HE?
.....
ABOUT TOMOR-ROW'S HOSPITAL APPOINT-MENT

SHALL I COME TO PICK YOU UP WHEN THE TIME COMES?
NO... IT'S OKAY
I CAN GO ALONE
IS THAT SO
IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA
TO DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO FROM HERE ON OUT
...WETHER YOU WANT TO KEEP IT
OR ABORT IT.
YOU'RE STILL ON YOUR NINTH WEEK.
ONLY 2 MONTHS INTO THE PREG-NANCY
AT THE 12TH WEEK - AT THE FOURTH MONTH, THERE WILL BE MANY MORE COMP-LICATIONS IF YOU DECIDE TO ABORT THE CHILD.
...YOU HAVE TO DECIDE.

AND THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME LEFT.
...IT'S A BAD SITUATION.
YOU SHOULD ALSO THINK ABOUT WHY HE HASN'T COME BACK YET.
T-THAT'S!
THAT'S WHY
WHY WOULD YOU HE'LL DEFINITELY

JUST AFTER I STARTED THIS JOB,
THE GIRL I WAS DATING GOT PREGNANT.

I...
I'VE ALSO... RUN AWAY BEFORE.

I COULDN'T DO ANY-THING,
...AND RAN AWAY.

AT THAT TIME, MY RELATIONSHIP WAS TERRIBLE WITH MY PARENTS...
I DIDN'T WANT TO SUCCEED MY FATHER AT HIS HOSPITAL
I WAS CONFIDENT I COULD FEED MYSELF WITH MY ABILITIES.
TO EARN MONEY FOR DAILY EXPENSES, I BECAME A PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSISTANT, DID PART TIME JOBS
DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME, I ALSO TOOK PHOTOS OF MY OWN...
I WAS BUSY WITH MY OWN LIFE
AND IT WAS A LOT OF FUN

SHE WAS ONE YEAR OLDER THAN ME.
ALREADY WORKING, AND MUCH MORE OF AN ADULT THAN I WAS
MOREOVER SHE WAS NAIVE
WE DIDN'T GIVE A SINGLE THOUGHT TO PREGNANCY
BUT WHEN WE FINALLY FELL ONTO THAT TRACK, I JUST KEPT THINKING OF NOTHING BUT MYSELF, IN THAT POSITION
I LOVED HER.
A LOT
BUT THAT'S WHY.

I COULDN'T TELL HER TO ABORT IT.
SHE WENT TO MY FATHER'S HOSPITAL. ON HER OWN
AND THE SURGERY WAS PERFORMED BY MY FATHER
AFTER HEARING THAT, I—
I... THREW THE RESPOSIBILITY OF DECIDING TO HER

I FELT... RELIEVED
THAT'S WHY
WE NATURALLY DRIFTED APART
I WONDER WHERE SHOULD WE GO? FOR REHABILITATION I GUESS HOT SPRINGS ARE THE BEST
I UNDERSTAND HOW HE FEELS
SO MUCH IT MAKES ME WANT TO VOMIT
AND SO
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I WANT TO HELP YOU
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チュン

LET'S START OFF AT A NEARBY HOT SPRING,
AND THEN GRADUALLY GO NORTH, OK?
I WONDER WHY
IT SEEMS LIKE ON TRIPS LIKE THIS, PEOPLE ALWAYS END UP GOING TO THE NORTH
HEY? WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE EXPENSES? IT'S ALL RIGHT!
I WENT TO WITHDRAW MONEY FROM THE BANK JUST NOW...
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT...
HER?

LET THE DESPAIR TRIP MASTER GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE!
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YOU SHOULDN'T LET YOUR THOUGHTS RUN WILD!
YOU'LL JUST END UP THINKING NEGATIVE THOUGHTS.
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OK
THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING ON THIS TRIP TO CHANGE YOUR MOOD
OK, DON'T THINK, DON'T THINK
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ALL RIGHT.
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AH! SEEMS LIKE THE TRAIN IS HERE

TSU-
TOMU
-KUN...
TSU-
TOMU
-KU.
I... I

WHAT'S THE MATTER, TSUTOMU -KUN?
THE TRAIN ON PLATFORM 2 WILL DEPART-ING SOON
PLEASE DO NOT STEP OVER THE WHITE LINE

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MY HANDS ARE
WARM.
IT'S THE SAME AS THAT TIME
THAT TIME... TSUTOMU -KUN.
GRABBED MY HAND
NOW I. .
DAMN IIIT!!
STUPID, STUPID, STUPID!
NO MATTER HOW I THINK...
NO MATTER WHAT!

I LOVE
TSUTOMU -KUN
HOW COULD I LEAVE HIM?!

NOW THAT I HAVE EXPLAINED EVERYTHING, CAN I HEAR YOUR OPINION?
WILL YOU GIVE BIRTH OR
WELL
I WANT TO MAKE THIS DECISION WITH HIM.

BECAUSE OF MY JOB... I HAVE TO SAY THIS
YOU'RE UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM CORRECT?
IN THAT CASE...
HE WILL RETURN
BUT, IF? WHAT IF HE DOESN'T COME BACK?
IN THAT CASE... I'LL CATCH HIM!
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I'LL GRAB HIM BY THE NECK!!
AND GIVE HIM A GOOD SCOLDING!
BECAUSE, I'M THE OLDER ONE!!

[CASE.36 おわり]

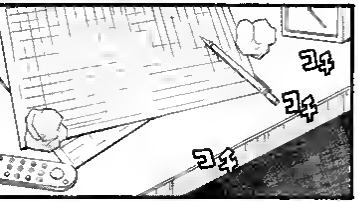
年上ノ彼女
TSUTOMU DISAPPEARED!
SENPAI?
AH YES
YOU KNEW? AYA-CHAN TOLD EVERYONE OVER THE PHONE, HUH?
HOW MUCH HAVE YOU HEARD? IS HE IN IBARAGI?
I HEARD THERE WAS A REPORT AT A POLICE STATION THERE THAT HE DROPPED HIS WALLET OR SOMETHING
WELL
AYA-CHAN'S BROTHER JUST HAPPENED TO HEAR ABOUT IT...
DID THAT BASTARD GO ON A TRIP?
IS HE IN A PLAYING MODE AFTER FINDING A JOB?
WHY DIDN'T HE TELL AGEHA-CHAN ABOUT IT...
ERM...
ABOUT THAT, AYA-CHAN CONTACTED AGEHA-SAN,
AND THEN WELL...

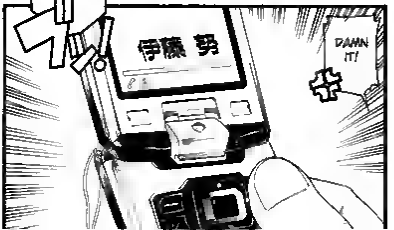
年上ノ彼女(ヒト)
CASE.37
Fukamizawa and Ageha

AGEHA-SAN GOT PREGNANT
...TSUTOMU-SENPAI KNEW
AND SO HE.

ARGH!!

THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED
...GRR. I CAN'T GET THROUGH!!
IS NOT PRESENTLY IN SERVICE, OR HAS BEEN SHUT OFF.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE

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DAMN IT!

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I HAVE A BONEY BODY, IT'S NOT CURVY LIKE A WOMAN'S
REALLY . WITH SUCH A BODY..
SMALL BREASTS
I..
BUT...
BUT..
TSU-TOMU-KUN,

YO!
FUKA-MIGAWA-SAN!!
AH!
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?
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU FOR A BIT.....
AH, NO
IT'S ALL RIGHT I'LL BE LEAVING SOON
JUST THAT...
AH MY APOLOGIES FOR AP-PEARING LIKE THIS!!
I-I'LL CHANGE RIGHT AWAY!

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AH! PLEASE COME IN!!
YES!!
AH YES
TSUTOMU-KUN'S SISTER!
AH?!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, SORRY AGEHA-SAN. FOR CALLING YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN.

UMM! IS TSUTOMU THERE?
THAT IDIOT HASN'T CONTACTED US FOR QUITE A WHILE!!
WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT HIM FINDING A JOB, GRADUATION AND RETURNING HOME AT THE END OF THE YEAR...
YET HE HASN'T CALLED AT ALL
IS HE BUSY?
HIS JOB HUNTING DIDN'T GO WELL... AND HE WAS DEPRESSED
I... I'M TRYING TO MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER.
NO
YES YES!
ALSO,
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS EITHER.
SORRY
TSUTOMU-KUN IS.
HE ISN'T AROUND AT THE MOMENT... NO,

I...
I'M PREGNANT...
THAT ALSO HAPPENED, SO...
TSUTOMU-KUN...
YES...
YES! I'M FINE.
YES.
...YES.
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SORRY...
I'LL GO CHANGE...
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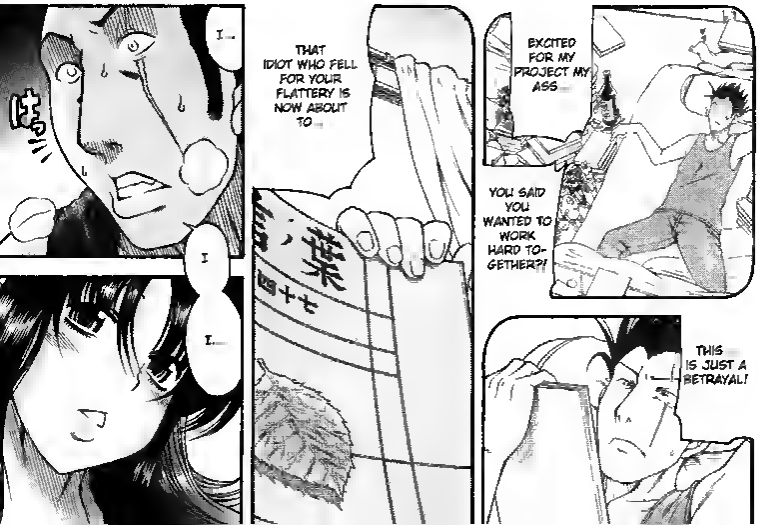
DID HE REALLY...
RUN AWAY?!... TSUTOMU...!!
THAT BASTARD!! HE REALLY... REALLY,
RAN AWAY...
THAT IDIOT... THAT... BASTARD!!

FUCK YOU! ACTING LIKE YOU DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE,
YET ALWAYS GETTING EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT!
AND THEN IN THE END, YOU GO AND PULL SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
WITHOUT GIVING A THOUGHT AS TO WHAT PEOPLE AROUND YOU ARE THINKIN'!!
THAT GUY JUST CAN'T HANDLE SETBACKS!
HE HASN'T TRIED ANYTHING HE HASN'T SUCCEEDED IN UP UNTIL NOW! HE'S BORN INTO A RICH, WELL-TO-DO FAMILY AND NEVER HAD TO SUFFER FOR ANYTHING!
AND YET, HE ALWAYS GOES AROUND BOASTING ABOUT HIMSELF!
JUST LIKE WITH THE CLUB BULLETIN!
"YOUR PROJECT IS INTERESTING!"
"YOU CAN'T DO IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T TRY," HE SAID!
ALWAYS WHINING ON AND ON LIKE THAT NEXT TIME!


I...
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I...
THAT IDIOT WHO FELL FOR YOUR FLATTERY IS NOW ABOUT TO...
EXCITED FOR MY PROJECT MY ASS...
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO WORK HARD TOGETHER?!
THIS IS JUST A BETRAYAL!

DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S SUFFERING!!
THIS IS JUST SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED AFTER FAILING A FEW TIMES!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN AWAY!!
THAT'S PATHETIC!

...YOU HAD NO REASON TO RUN
THAT GOOD FOR NOTHING!
IMPO-TENT!
BAS-TARD!!
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HE'S SUCH AN IDIOT!!
HE LEFT AGEHA-CHAN...
I... IF IT WAS ME, I...
DON'T, FUKAMIZA WA-SAN.
ONLY I CAN SAY BAD THINGS ABOUT
MY TSUTOMU-KUN!

AGEHA-SAN
YOU BELIEVE... THAT HE'LL RETURN
MMM
YOU COULD SAY THAT
I BELIEVE IN HIM.
I

...HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN? FUKA-MIGAWA-SAN
AH... SORRY
I'M... FINE NOW,
...I THINK

IF HE DOESN'T COME BACK
I'LL CATCH HIM!

I FELT LIKE WE WERE PLAYING HOUSE AND IT WAS FUN...
BUT...
I FELT THAT SOMEDAY TSUTOMU-KUN WOULD LEAVE ME BEHIND...I ALWAYS DID

...WHEN I REALISED I WAS PREGNANT,

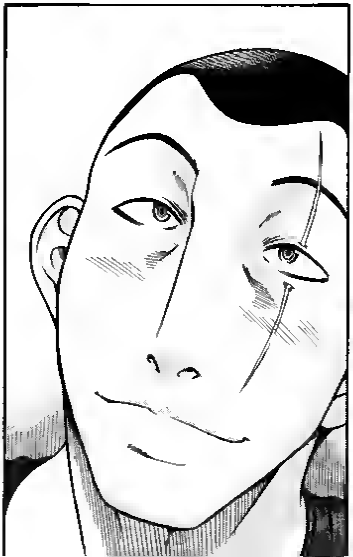
I WAS HAPPY... AS WELL AS SCARED
I FELT THAT THE TIME HAD FINALLY COME WHEN I WOULD END UP GETTING IN TSUTOMU-KUN'S WAY
AND I JUST...

AGEHA-CHAN!
BUT!!

I'VE... ALWAYS BEEN A COWARD,
AND WEAK.
AGEHA-CHAN WILL?
MMM... I FELT THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD END UP HINDERING TSUTOMU-KUN.
TSUTOMU-KUN AND HIS CLASSMATES WERE ALL WORKING SO HARD TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS,
AND... I HAD NOTHING.
AFTER LEAVING THE SHIMIZU FAMILY, I BECAME A STUDENT AND COINCIDENTALLY MET TSUTOMU-KUN. THEN WE ENDED UP LIVING TOGETHER...

BUT THAT BASTARD!! HE WAS WITH SOME OTHER WOMAN!
I GOT SO MAD!
IT REALLY... PISSED ME OFF.

BUT... THE TRUTH IS
I MET TSUTOMU-KUN WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO RUN AWAY.
EH?
AT THE STATION...
HE HELD MY HAND.
I WAS HAPPY



BUT...
I UNDER-STOOD

I LOVE TSUTOMU-KUN!!
SO MUCH THAT IT PISSES ME OFF... THAT'S HOW MUCH I LOVE HIM!
I LOVE ALL HIS STUPIDITY AND BAD QUALITIES!
I CAN'T LEAVE HIM!!
SHIMIZU'S FAMILY LIFE WAS LIKE PLAYING HOUSE...
I THINK THAT LIVING WITH TSUTOMU-KUN AT THE START ALSO FELT THE SAME.
IT FELT LIKE I JUST LIVED THERE...
BUT!
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE!

I'M GOING.

...EH?

I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR HIM.
I'LL FIND OUT WHERE HE IS.
I'LL BRING HIM BACK!

IF TSUTOMU-KUN'S GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM HIS PAIN,
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO CATCH HIM... AND MAKE HIM SHARE IT WITH ME!
TSUTOMU-KUN'S DREAM WAS TO BECOME AN EDITOR. THEN MY DREAM,
IS TO MAKE TSUTOMU-KUN HAPPY!!
I FINALLY... UNDER-STAND NOW..

YOU CAN'T, YOU KNOW? YOU HAVE A BABY IN YOUR BELLY, REMEMBER?
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING RECKLESS
FURTHER-MORE, I'VE SOME STUFF TO SAY TO HIM!
LEAVE THIS TO ME,
AGEHA-CHAN.
AH,
NO,

YES!
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU!

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CASE. 38

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IN THE COUNTRY...

VARIOUS THINGS HAPPENED, SO I DECIDED TO RUN AWAY.
AND SO I..
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING...
HEY, TSUTOMU-KUN
YOU TIRED ALREADY?
AH... YEAH. SORRY.
I CAN'T SEEM TO DO ANYTHING RIGHT...
YOU CAN'T EVEN USE A SHOVEL?
WE'LL BE GOING TO THE COMPANY TOMORROW.
SO IT'S ABOUT TIME WE RETURN
COULD YOU BRING THE FER-TILIZER?
YES...

OH?
WE'RE BACK

IT'S SUCH A RARE OCCASION FOR YOU TO COME BACK HOME LIKE THIS
HELP OUT TOO, MA!
IT'S BEEN ALL TSUTOMU-KUN THIS WHOLE TIME.

I LOST ALL MY MONEY, SO I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE...
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO COME BACK!

OH! WE'LL COME RIGHT AWAY
DINNER'S READY!

WEL-COME HOME
NII-SAN, TSUTOMU-KUN!
HEY, TSUTOMU-KUN, ARE YOU OKAY?
Y-YES.

SORRY, IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME EVERY DAY.
NO... IT'S DELICIOUS.
MAI, HOW LONG WILL YOU BE STAYING HERE?
JUST A LITTLE LONGER. I NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MONEY.
OH YEAH, HOW'S THE JOB HUNT GOING, MAI?
...I WAS ANNIHILATED

THAT'S CAUSE YOU PLAY AROUND TOO MUCH
SO...
HOW ABOUT YOU, TSUTOMU-KUN?
AH NO I'M ALSO.
HE USES COMPUTERS AND STUFF TO MAKE BOOKS THAT EVEN MAKE THE PROS EMBARRASSED! RIGHT?!
NO WELL,
REALLY!?
THAT'S PERFECT. I HAVE SOMETHING I'D LIKE YOU TO HELP ME WITH.
TSUTOMU-KUN IS DIFFERENT FROM ME!
HE'S MAKING BOOKS!
BOOKS?

WOW... YOU STILL HAVE THIS AROUND?
IT WAS MY LATE FATHER'S HOBBY.
HE WOULD USE IT EVERY YEAR TO PRINT OUT COMPILATIONS OF TANKA.*
ON THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF MY FATHER'S DEATH, ONE OF HIS ACQUAINTANCES SUGGESTED WE START PRINTING THOSE TANKAS AGAIN.
...I FIGURED THAT IF WE ASKED SOMEONE OUTSIDE TO DO IT, IT WOULDN'T PLEASE MY FATHER, SO...
HOW ABOUT IT, TSUTOWU-KUN? DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE?
BUT, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE THIS THING, NOR HOW TO MAKE BOOKS.

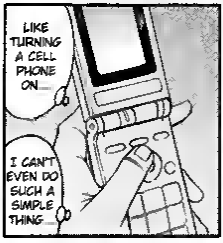
* 31-SYLLABLE JAPANESE POEMS

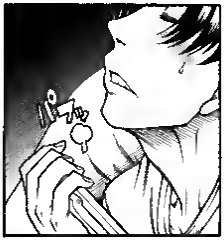
EVEN IF WE WERE TO COMPILE THE BOOKS BY HAND...
THIS MACHINE HOW DO I USE IT...
...I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE.
YOU DON'T HAVE A COM-PUTER?
AH, A REALLY OLD ONE...
WE HAVEN'T USED THAT THING IN FOREVER... WHERE DID WE PUT IT?
AH... NO
THIS IS

I CAN'T DO A SINGLE THING RIGHT.
AGEHA-SAN...

IS THAT SO
WELL, I GUESS IT'S NO USE THEN.

SORRY
I..
IT'S OKAY. I'LL ASK SOMEONE ELSE


LIKE TURNING A CELL PHONE ON...
I CAN'T EVEN DO SUCH A SIMPLE THING



NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRY AND RUN AWAY NOTHING
NOTHING WILL CHANGE

MURATA-SAN...
AH
SORRY... MY BROTHER
JUST SAYS WHATEVER COMES TO MIND, WITHOUT THINKING
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
AH... NO
IT'S A FACT THAT I CAN'T OPERATE THAT MACHINE
NO... I'M SORRY THAT OUR LONG AWAITED TRIP
TURNED OUT LIKE THIS...
I'M SORRY, TSUTOMU-KUN.
THE LEAST I CAN DO

AH!
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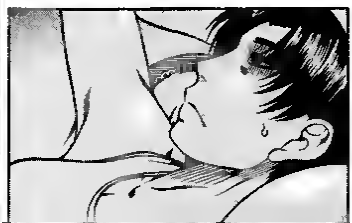
AH!
AH!
WE CAN'T, MURATA-SAN
N-NO
I-
AH
WE CAN'T
YOU FORGET YOUR PAIN, TSUTOMU-KUN
WILL MAKE
NN
WE CAN'T, MURATA-SAN
NO

IT DIDN'T... GET HARD
I GUESS ... IT WON'T HAPPEN WITH ME?

HUH?
IT HAS TO BE HER...



IS IT OKAY TO PUT THIS HERE?
AH, TSUTOMU-KUN.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOTTEN USED TO THINGS.

SHINJI AND MAI WERE THE SAME WAY
UNTIL THEY TRY
BUT IT'S SURPRISINGLY HARD FOR SOME PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND
THAT'S RIGHT IT'S SUCH A SIMPLE THING,

AH...
IT HURTS IF ONLY ONE SHOULDER IS CARRYING ALL THE WEIGHT
SO I SHOULD USE MY WHOLE BACK.

EH?
THERE'S A TRICK

TO CARRYING SUCH A HEAVY BURDEN.

TSUTOMU-KUN, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE IN FARMWORK, DO YOU?
WELL, THE MORE YOU WORK, THE MORE YOU'LL GET THE FEEL FOR IT.
I... REALLY CAN'T DO ANYTHING
I HOPE I CAN REMEMBER EVERYTHING
THROUGH DOUJINSHI PUBLISHING... I
NO NO
YOU HAVE A GOOD SENSE FOR IT
MAI HAS IT TOO...
I HAD CONFIDENCE TOWARD TAKING AN EDITORIAL JOB.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU AREN'T CAPABLE OF
THEN YOU'LL NEVER LEARN ANYTHING
AH..
I WON'T KNOW... IF I DON'T TRY.
SUCH A SIMPLE THING.
I JUST HAVE TO TRY

I FELT LIKE I COULD DO SOMETHING I HADN'T EVEN TRIED ...AND THAT I HAD TO BE ABLE TO DO IT.
I GOT HASTY...
YES...
NOW, IF ONLY MM ANSWERED ME LIKE THAT..
NO MATTER HOW SIMPLE A JOB, IT'S BOUND TO HAVE A TRICK TO IT.
AND THERE ARE COUNTLESS THINGS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THINK I CAN DO THEM.
IT'S SO OBVIOUS... AND YET I...
THAT'S WHY I GOT DEPRESSED WHEN IT WAS STRUCK DOWN
I RAN AWAY, THINKING I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING...
ERM
I'VE NEVER EVEN LAID A FINGER ON THINGS LIKE THIS
I... EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT THAT I LIKED MAKING BOOKS,
BUT...
AH...NO I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE BUT...
WHAT'S THAT? YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN'T HELP?
YOU OKAY?
AND IF THEY WEREN'T, I'D BE TALENTLESS...
I WAS OBSTINATE IN THINKING THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE POPULAR IN THE PRO WORLD TOO
SHINJI-SAN, ERM...
ABOUT THE PRINTING MACHINE
THE DOUJINSHI WORLD THAT I'VE LIVED IN.
AH!
WHAT? YOU CAN USE IT?

FROM THE BEGINNING I'VE POSSESSED NOTHING
DESPITE BEING A YOUNG AMATEUR WITH NO EXPERIENCE.
I'M SORRY... BUT WILL YOU LET ME GIVE IT A TRY?
THAT'S WHY... I WOULD LIKE TO TRY.

TSUTOMU-KUN.
THAT "NUMBER" THING
THIS STUFF... WAS ALSO WRITTEN IN THAT JOB HUNTING BOOK, I THINK
OBVIOUS THINGS, LIKE "COOLY ANALYZE YOUR OWN ABILITIES..."
BELOW THIS, IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS FRAME,
AH, I UNDERSTAND I UNDERSTAND!

YOU WON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU TRY...
I'VE HEARD THAT CLICHE SAYING SO MANY TIMES.
I KNEW IT
IT'S COMMON SENSE.
BUT I ONLY KNEW,
AND DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
I NEVER DID...
AGEHA-SAN...

I'M AN IDIOT
IF WE REPEAT THIS,
AMAZING! IT'S PRINTING
I WAS AN IDIOT
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I'M AN IDIOT
AN IDIOT
OH! OHHHH!
I'M SO STUPID
PLEASE LOOK. LIKE THIS'
AH! THE LEVER IS FOR THAT!

AGEHA-SAN ..
AGEHA-SAN.. I'M AN IDIOT

AGEHA-SAN. .
AGEHA-SAN...
WHAT'S WITH TSUTOMU-KUN...
HIS FACE CHANGED .
THE SORRY LOOK IS STILL THERE, THOUGH...
WHAT'S THIS?
AGEHA-SAN
AGEHA-SAN... I
ONE MORE TRY.
HE... DOESN'T EXCITE ME ANYMORE
I...

NO, NO, THIS IS GREAT.
MY FATHER WOULD BE HAPPY. .
REALLY, THANK YOU.
SURE
YES
SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH WORK.
IT'S COMPLETE, TSUTOMU-KUN
AH OKAY
I'M GOING TO GO REPORT IT TO HIS ALTAR
THANK YOU.
LOOKING
FOR YOUR CELL PHONE?
HUH? WAS IT IN MY BAG ...?

MURATA-SAN...
YOU'RE FINALLY GOING TO CONTACT YOUR GIRL-FRIEND...
BUT...
YOU HAVEN'T CONTACTED HER FOR MORE THAN A WEEK
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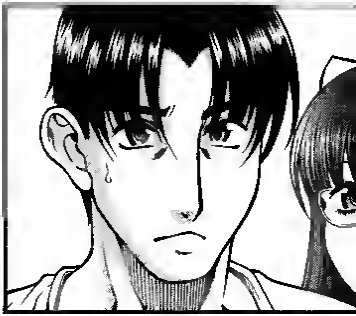
YOU MIGHT NOT BE FORGIVEN.
YES,
I MIGHT NOT BE,

GOT A MINUTE,
TSUTOMU?

THERE'S SOMEONE HERE FOR YOU.
TSUTOMU-KUN, UM...



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CASE.33 FIGHTING...
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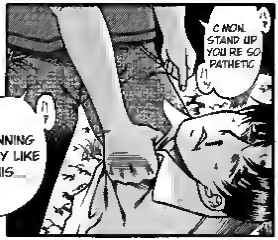
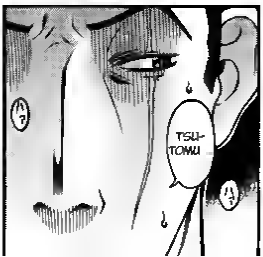
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, TSUTOMU...
SINCE YOU RAN FROM AGEHA-CHAN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID IT AND RAN THIS FAR
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WITH ANOTHER WOMAN!
ISN'T EVERY-THING JUST WORKING OUT PER-FECTLY FOR YOU?
THIS WAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, MURA... TA-SAN

C'MON, HIT ME BACK!!
TSU-TOMU!!
YOU JUST GOT PUNCHED ALL OF A SUDDEN, MAN!!
DO YOU KNOW WHY I HIT YOU?
EVEN IF YOU DO GO BACK, AGEHA-CHAN WILL STILL TREAT YOU WELL...
IN RETURN, TSUTOMU!!

MAKING AGEHA -CHAN SAD!
AREN'T YOU EVEN GONNA RESIST, DAM-MIT?!


C'MON. STAND UP YOU'RE SO PATHETIC
RUNNING AWAY LIKE THIS...


TSU-TOMU

THAT'S WHY I'M
LETTING YOU HIT ME

EMBRACED
HER.
I WAITED THREE YEARS FOR IT...

EVER SINCE YOU RAN AWAY AGEHA-CHAN
HAS BEEN DEPRESSED
FULL OF WEAK SPOTS.
SHIVERING... IN THAT ROOM, ALL ALONE
AND SO, I...

AGEHA-CHAN EMBRACED ME RIGHT BACK.
I GUESS IF SHE RESISTED, THOUGH, THINGS STILL WOULD HAVE TURNED OUT THE SAME WAY

TSU-TOMU
YOU KNOW...
I'M DIFFERENT FROM SCUM LIKE...

AGEHA-CHAN'S SLIM BODY...
SMALL... SOFT...
RIGHT, TSU-TOMU?
I WAS MOVED I THOUGHT,
"HEY, I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS SOONER!"

AH! BROTHER, HOW DID IT GO?
WHAT ARE THOSE TWO DOING OUTSIDE?
MMM. YEAH

I'M NOT TOO SURE THEY'RE SCREAMING OUT SOME GIRL'S NAME
SOME-THING LIKE AGEHA -CHAN
AND PUNCHING EACH OTHER.

THEY'RE DOING WHAT?
WELL
IT WORRIES ME FOR MANY REASONS

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AREN'T YOU TSUTOMU-KUN'S... GIRL-FRIEND?
TSUTOMU-KUN'S FACE ISN'T MY TYPE ANYMORE
YOU KNOW
I THOUGHT WANTED THAT I TO BE, BUT
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN ?
YOU'RE SUCH A
AH THEY MIGHT NEED THEIR WOUNDS TREATED LATER
JUST WHAT IS TSUTOMU-KUN TRYING TO DO?
HEY, MAI
I'M REALLY CONFUSED HERE

I WAS PUNCHED.
AND PUNCHED BACK.
YOU REALLY SUCK AT FIGHTING.
HAVE YOU EVER EVEN PUNCHED ANYONE, RICHIE RICH?!
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TSUTOMU, YOU...
BUT YOU! YOU WERE TAKING ALL THE HITS IN THE SECOND HALF...
GETTING OLD, HUH?

THE PAIN IN MY BODY
... FELT GOOD.
...SHUT UP!
ANYWAY, IF YOU REALLY LIKE AGEHA-CHAN
THAT MUCH, THEN
WHY... ARE YOU STILL....
WHY...
DID YOU LEAVE AGEHA-CHAN BEHIND
...YOU IDIOT!
HEY...
HEY!
WIPE YOUR FACE.

I... EMBRACED AGEHA CHAN...
LISTEN TILL THE END, IDIOT!!
NO, WAIT!
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WELL SIMPLY PUT,
I WAS REJECTED...
IN FACT, SHE NEVER EVEN GAVE ME A CHANCE
INSTEAD, SHE WAS SUPPORTING ME.
SHE DOESN'T LOOK IT...
BUT SHE'S STRONGER THAN US IDIOTS...
AGEHA-CHAN WAS STRONG.
NO.
AGEHA-SAN
WAY STRONG-ER.

HEY, TSU-TOMU
WHILE I WAS SEARCHING FOR YOU IN PLACE OF AGEHA-SAN
I THOUGHT ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS...
LIKE
DAMMIT! WHAT THE HELL DID YOU GAIN...
BY RUNNING AWAY?
IT'S TOO MUCH OF A CLICHE...
IF I PUT IT IN WORDS
YOU'LL JUST LAUGH.
CLICHED? FINE BY ME!
LET'S HEAR IT, TSU-TOMU
JUST MAKE SURE YOU PUFF OUT YOUR CHEST WHEN YOU SAY IT!

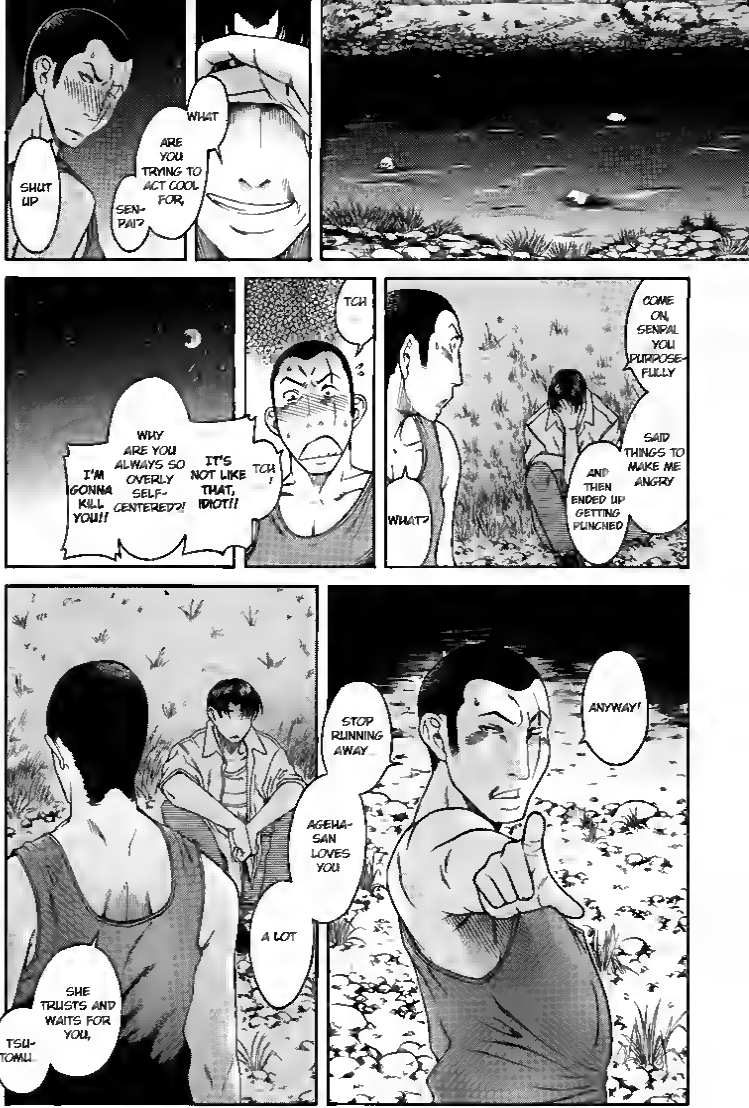
I FELT LIKE I WOULD CONTINUE LIVING LIKE THIS WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
BUT... HALF OF ME WAS FILLED WITH SOME WEIRD PRIDE TOWARD MY OWN ABILITY.
COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF EXCUSES
WITH JOB HUNTING, AND GRADUATION.
BEFORE AGEHA-SAN'S PREGNANCY,
I WAS TOTALLY HELPLESS.
AND I COULDN'T ACCEPT THAT
ALSO, I WAS SCARED
I TRIED TO MAKE IT AGEHA-SAN'S FAULT.
AND I STILL... CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF FOR THAT.
THAT EXCESS PRIDE JUST TORMENTED ME EVEN MORE.
SO I GOT UNEASY, AND RAN AWAY...
LIKE HOW I NEVER HAD A CHANCE,
OR WASN'T UNDERSTOOD
PUSHING ALL MY PROBLEMS ONTO MY SURROUNDINGS.
STUFF LIKE THAT,
YES
I WAS SPOILED
DESPITE
HAVING BARELY BEGUN...
SPOILED BRAT

AN IDIOT LIKE ME...
WON'T KNOW TILL HE TRIES IT
MY OWN ABILITIES... WHAT I CAN DO AND CANNOT DO
WHAT I MUST DO
NOT JUST KNOWING BUT UNDERSTANDING.
AND THEN STEPPING FORWARD TO BEGIN
DESPITE HAVING DREAMS, CONFIDENCE, AND PRIDE...
I
I...
I'VE BARELY BEGUN
SO I WENT OUT ON A CLICHED SELF-SEARCH...
ALL IN ORDER TO COME UP WITH
A CLICHED CONCLUSION.
I...

I HURT AGEHA-SAN...
I'VE HURT HER...
I'M REALLY A JERK...
REALLY...
TSU-TOMU... YOU KNOW
I
I STARTED PRETEND-ING TO BE AN AUTHOR DUE TO YOU EGGING ME ON,

AND WENT TO PUBLISHING COMPANIES NUMEROUS TIMES
I TRIED TO WRITE SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING THAT ONLY I COULD WRITE, IN ORDER TO CREATE A PROPER PLACE FOR MYSELF,
ONLY TO HAVE EVERY SINGLE ATTEMPT END IN FAILURE
BUT
IT WAS ALL RUBBISH
THOSE EDITORS CAUGHT ON SO EASILY
TO ALL MY SUPERFICIAL TRICKS
THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T CATCH ON,
WAS MYSELF
WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT TO WRITE, BY THE END I HAD ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT I WAS DOING
A COMPLETE IDIOT...
BUT FINALLY,
I SUCKED MY GUT IN
THE STUFF THAT I WANTED TO WRITE WAS BASICALLY,
IF I HAD TO PUT IT IN WORDS, CLICHED SHIT THAT EVERYONE ALREADY KNEW
THAT'S ALL I COULD MUSTER UP...
BUT THAT'S OKAY
BUT! TSUTOMU!
I WRITE THAT SHIT IN MY OWN WORDS!
IN ORDER TO HAVE MY READERS READ MY STORY AND "UNDERSTAND" MY EXPERIENCE...
IT WAS ONLY AFTER I STARTED WRITING ABOUT MY OWN EXPERIENCES AND STUFF I REALLY BELIEVE IN...
THAT I BECAME A "WRITER."

YOU REACHED THAT CLICHED END
WITH YOUR OWN WORDS AND BODY
STICK YOUR CHEST OUT!
IT'S NOT WORTHLESS, THAT'S FOR SURE!
SO WHAT IF IT'S CLICHED?!
I WON'T... EITHER
DON'T RUN AWAY
JUST... TSUTOMU


SHUT UP
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACT COOL FOR, SEN-PAI?
COME ON, SENPAI, YOU PURPOSE-FULLY SAID THINGS TO MAKE ME ANGRY AND THEN ENDED UP GETTING PUNCHED
WHAT?
TCH!
I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO OVERLY SELF-CENTERED?!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, IDIOT!!
TCH!
ANYWAY!
STOP RUNNING AWAY...
AGEHA-SAN LOVES YOU A LOT
SHE TRUSTS AND WAITS FOR YOU, TSU-TOMU...

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHETHER YOU'RE REALLY ABLE TO MAKE AGEHA-SAN HAPPY OR BE THE PARENT OF HER CHILD--
I'M NOT ASKING ABOUT ANY OF THAT...
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GONNA DO.
ITOU TSUTOMU...
ALL RIGHT.

YEAH, I'LL HAND IT TO HIM RIGHT NOW
HEY, TSUTOMU!! WE'VE GOT A CALL FOR YOU

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OH? SORRY, IT'S MY PHONE
BUT NOT YET
I-I'M STILL UNEASY ...

YOU'RE GOING TO GET SCOLDED UP THE ASS.

I'VE JUST BECOME ABLE TO STAND AT THE STARTING LINE AGAIN.

AGEHA-SAN... I...
IT'S ALL RIGHT
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW
YE AH
EVEN IF YOU DECIDE TO FORGIVE ME

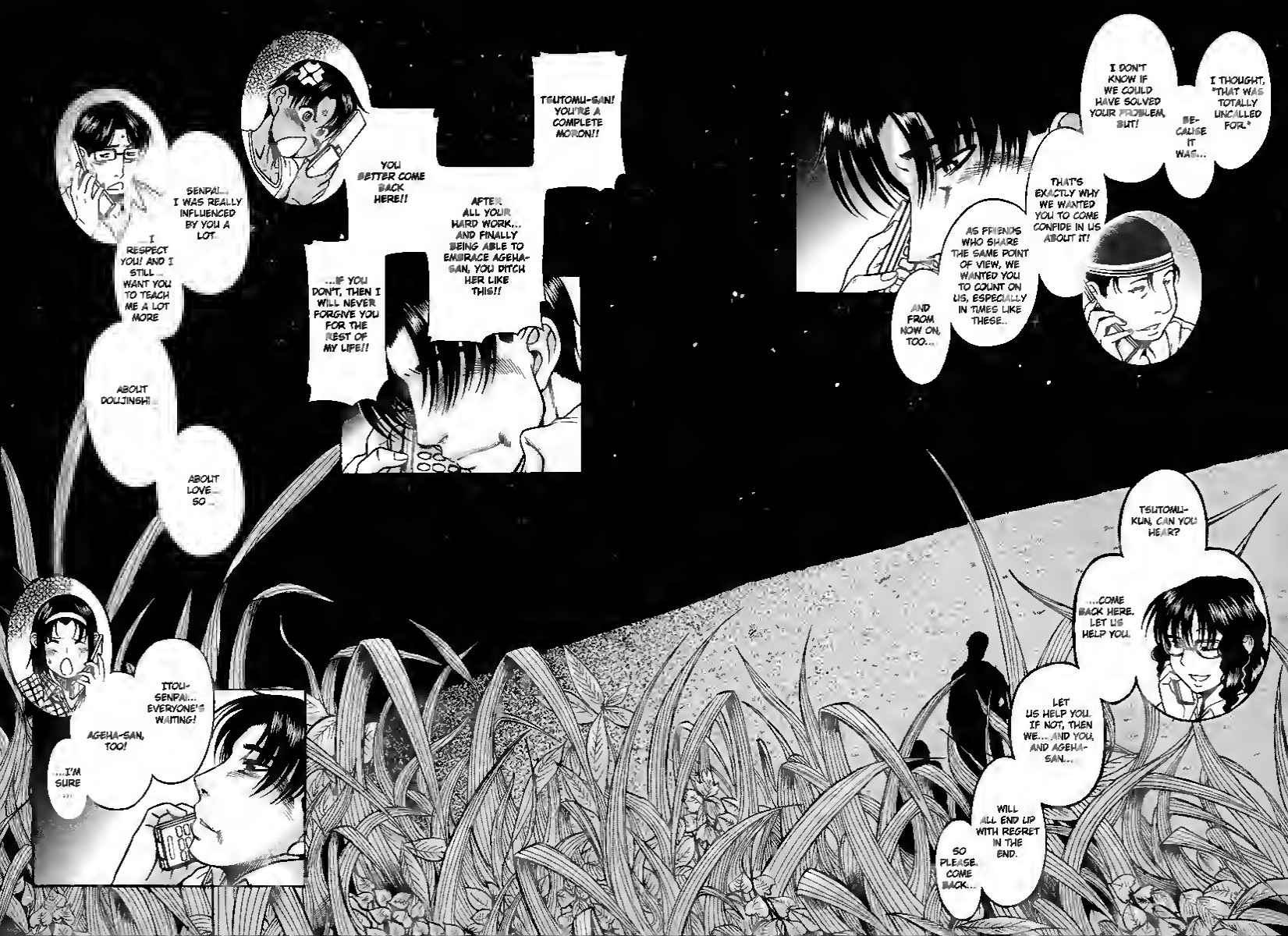
BEING A PARENT ...
AH... DAMN IT. I'M REALLY A...

[CASE. 39 END]

CASE. 40 Going Home...

YOU REACHED FUKA-MIZAWA-KUN?
IS T-TSUTOMU-KUN THERE?
IS HE ALL RIGHT??
H-HOLD ON, PUT SENPAI ON!
WAIT! HE SAID HE'LL PUT TSUTOMU-KUN ON NOW
-AHH-AHH-
TSU-TOMU-KUN?!
H-HELLO, TSUTOMU-KUN?
THIS IS TSUTOMU-KUN, ISN'T IT?
YEAH
SORRY.
PHEW... SO YOU'RE ALRIGHT
WHAT A RELIEF
REALLY...
..UNN?
..UNN?

YOU STUPID IDIOT!!
YOU IDIOOOOOOOOOOT!!
WH-WHAT. WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?! A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED IT HURT?
WELL THEN!
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME ASK US FOR HELP?!
NO, YOU DECIDED TO RUN AWAY ALL BY YOURSELF INSTEAD!
WE'RE.. REALLY!!
I'M SORRY
BUT IT WAS MY OWN PROBLEM, SO
NO IT ISN'T, YOU NIMROD!!
I'M GONNA PUNCH YOU!!
YOU THINK IT'S YOUR OWN PROBLEM?
I...! I..
BOTH YOU AND AGEHA-SAN
ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PEOPLE TO ME!
AND YOU THINK THIS IS YOUR OWN PROBLEM?! DON'T TALK LIKE YOU'RE LIVING ALL BY YOURSELF!!
YOU IDIOT!!
H HEY, MORINO-SAN, CAN YOU PASS IT OVER NOW?
TSU-TOMU-KUN CAN YOU HEAR ME?
HEY, TSUTOMU-KUN, TO BE HONEST ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED
HAYA-SHI-SENPAI

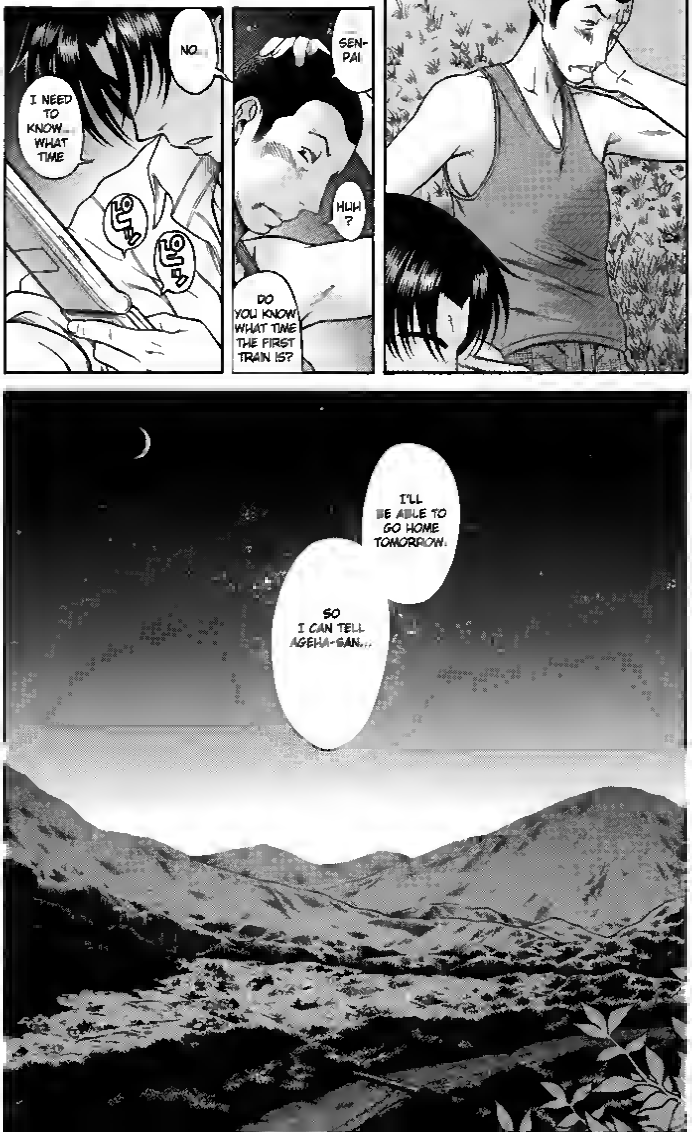

SENPAI... I WAS REALLY INFLUENCED BY YOU A LOT
I RESPECT YOU! AND I STILL WANT YOU TO TEACH ME A LOT MORE
ABOUT DOUJINSHI...
ABOUT LOVE... SO...
TSUTOMU-SAN! YOU'RE A COMPLETE MORON!!
YOU BETTER COME BACK HERE!!
AFTER ALL YOUR HARD WORK... AND FINALLY BEING ABLE TO EMBRACE AGEHA-SAN, YOU DITCH HER LIKE THIS!!
...IF YOU DON'T, THEN I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!!
I DON'T KNOW IF WE COULD HAVE SOLVED YOUR PROBLEM, BUT!
I THOUGHT, "THAT WAS TOTALLY UNCALLED FOR." BECAUSE IT WAS...
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE WANTED YOU TO COME CONFIDE IN US ABOUT IT!
AS FRIENDS WHO SHARE THE SAME POINT OF VIEW, WE WANTED YOU TO COUNT ON US, ESPECIALLY IN TIMES LIKE THESE...
AND FROM NOW ON, TOO...
ITOU-SENPAI... EVERYONE'S WAITING!
AGEHA-SAN, TOO!
....I'M SURE ...
TSUTOMU-KUN, CAN YOU HEAR?
...COME BACK HERE. LET US HELP YOU.
LET US HELP YOU. IF NOT, THEN WE... AND YOU, AND AGEHA-SAN...
WILL ALL END UP WITH REGRET IN THE END.
SO PLEASE. COME BACK...

AHHH
TSU-TOMU
SORRY TO INTER-RUPT, BUT
OKAY
YOU'RE GETTING A CALL TOO, YOU KNOW?
LOOK HOW POP-ULAR YOU ARE!
ブルブルブル
DON'T CALL ME THAT!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
DISAP-PEARING AND!
I HEARD THAT AGEHA-SAN IS PREGNANT!!
イトウ酒販
SO YOU FINALLY ANSWER!!
TSUTOMU, YOU RETARD!!
S...SIS?!
IF YOU!! EVER MAKE AGEHA-SAN CRY, I WILL KILL YOU!!
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?!
NOW, HOW, KYOUKO... LET ME TALK TO HIM.

TSU-TOMU?
MOM.
I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED
AND ABOUT AGEHA-SAN'S PREGNANCY
H-HEY! HEY! GIMME THE PHONE!!
GIVE IT TO ME!!
AND BY THE TIME WE WENT SOLO WITH THE SHOP, KYOUKO WAS ALREADY...
YOUR FATHER AND I ALSO HAD A SHOTGUN WEDDING
WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO BLAME YOU, YOU KNOW.
BOYS REALLY GROW UP QUICKLY
NO, I'M FINE, JUST SURPRISED
HEY TSUTOMU?
GOD-DAMMIT
YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING SON!!
I LET YOU GO TO TOKYO BECAUSE YOU PRACTICALLY BEGGED ME, AND NOW
WHAT DO I HEAR? STAYING AN EXTRA YEAR? LIVING TOGETHER WITH A WOMAN? AND GETTING HER PREGNANT?!
ANY-WAY!
COME BACK HERE! RIGHT NOW!!
YOU LISTENING TSU-TOMU?!
I WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL FEES AND MONEY FROM NOW ON
DAD

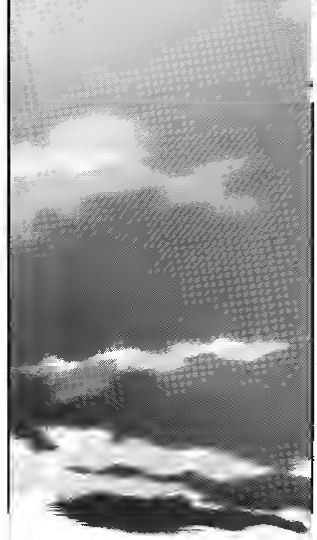
DAD...
WERE YOU EVER NERVOUS ABOUT BECOMING SOMEONE'S PARENT?
ARE YOU A MORON?
THERE'S NOT A MAN WHO HASN'T BEEN! IT HAPPENED RIGHT WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO OPEN MY OWN SHOP, TOO.
AND THERE WERE A LOT OF COMPLICATIONS.
I WAS NERVOUS ABOUT EVERYTHING.
IT'S NATURAL, YOU LUNKHEAD!
HEY... TSU-TOMU.
BUT YOU KNOW... TSU-TOMU.
EVEN IF...FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN IF YOUR PARENTS STARTED CUT LIKE THAT.
KYOUKO... AND YOU, TOO...

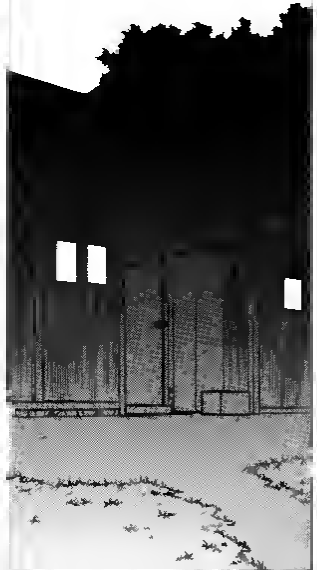
I THINK YOU WERE BOTH RAISED WELL.
EVEN IF WE DID TEMPORARILY FALTER...
YOU BOTH GREW UP TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR PARENTS WOULD PROVIDE WELL FOR YOU...
AND THAT'S HOW IT GOES...
SO JUST
ARGH! YOU KNOW, I HAD NO INTENTION TO TALK ABOUT THIS!
JUST COME HOME, DAMMIT!
YOU'D BETTER!!
AND...THE MOTHER. AGEHA-SAN? YOU'D BETTER ...
BRING HER TOO.


NO...
I NEED TO KNOW... WHAT TIME
SEN-PAI
HUH?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME THE FIRST TRAIN IS?
I'LL BE ABLE TO GO HOME TOMORROW.
SO I CAN TELL AGEHA-SAN...

TSUTOMU-SENPAI... DO YOU SEE HIM?
NO... NOT YET. HE SHOULD BE HERE SOON, RIGHT?
FUKA-MIZAWA-KUN SAID THEY'D BE IN AT 5
THE TRAIN IS LATE... I THINK
WHERE'S AGEHA-SAN?

HE WON'T
A MAN
THAT'S RUN AWAY ONCE
INSIDE, I THINK
HMM...
HE IS COMING, RIGHT ?





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I
SEE

SO THEY DO... COME BACK
ぐっ!
THIS DOOR ...
I WASN'T ABLE TO OPEN IT
ONCE
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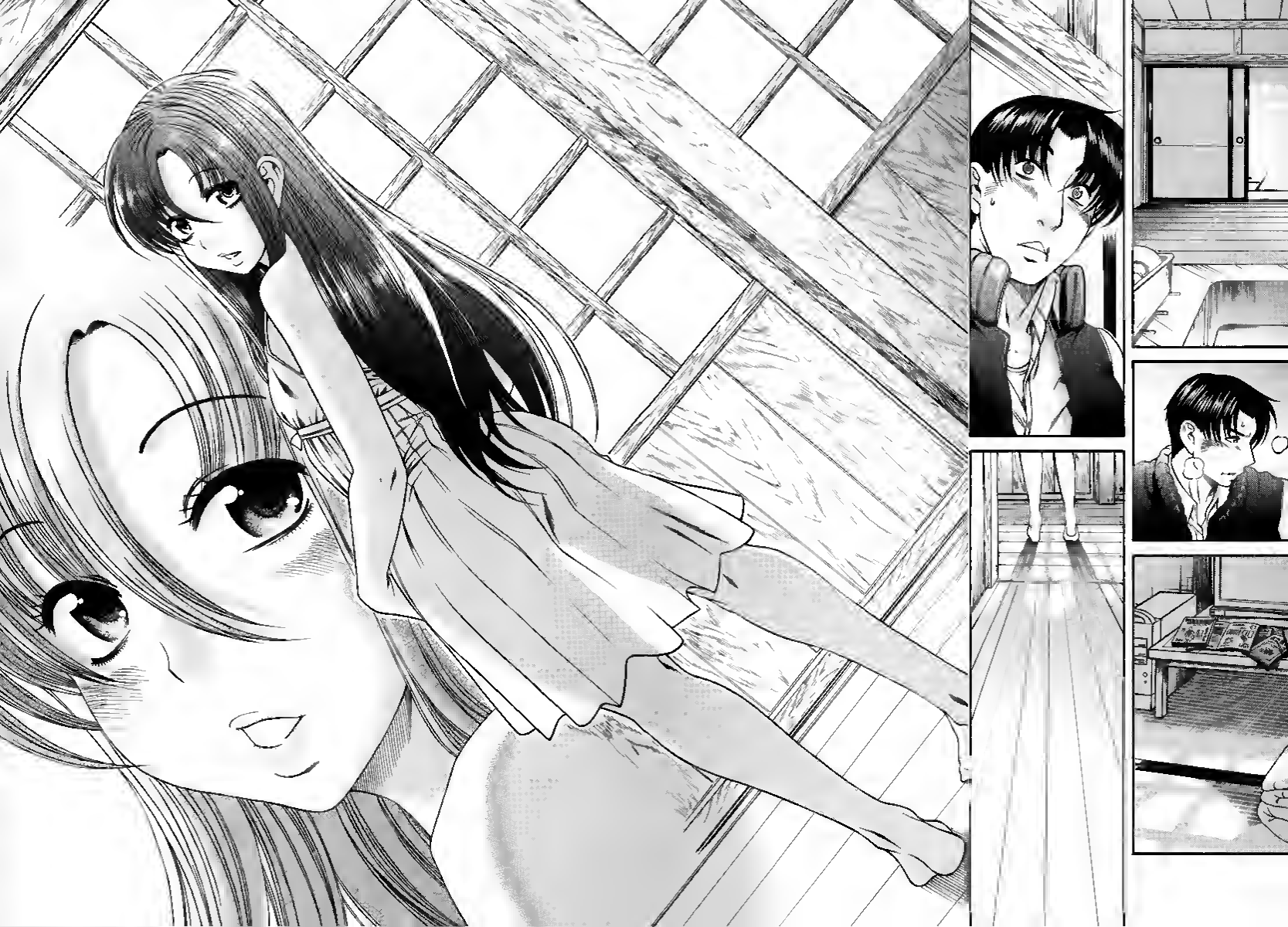

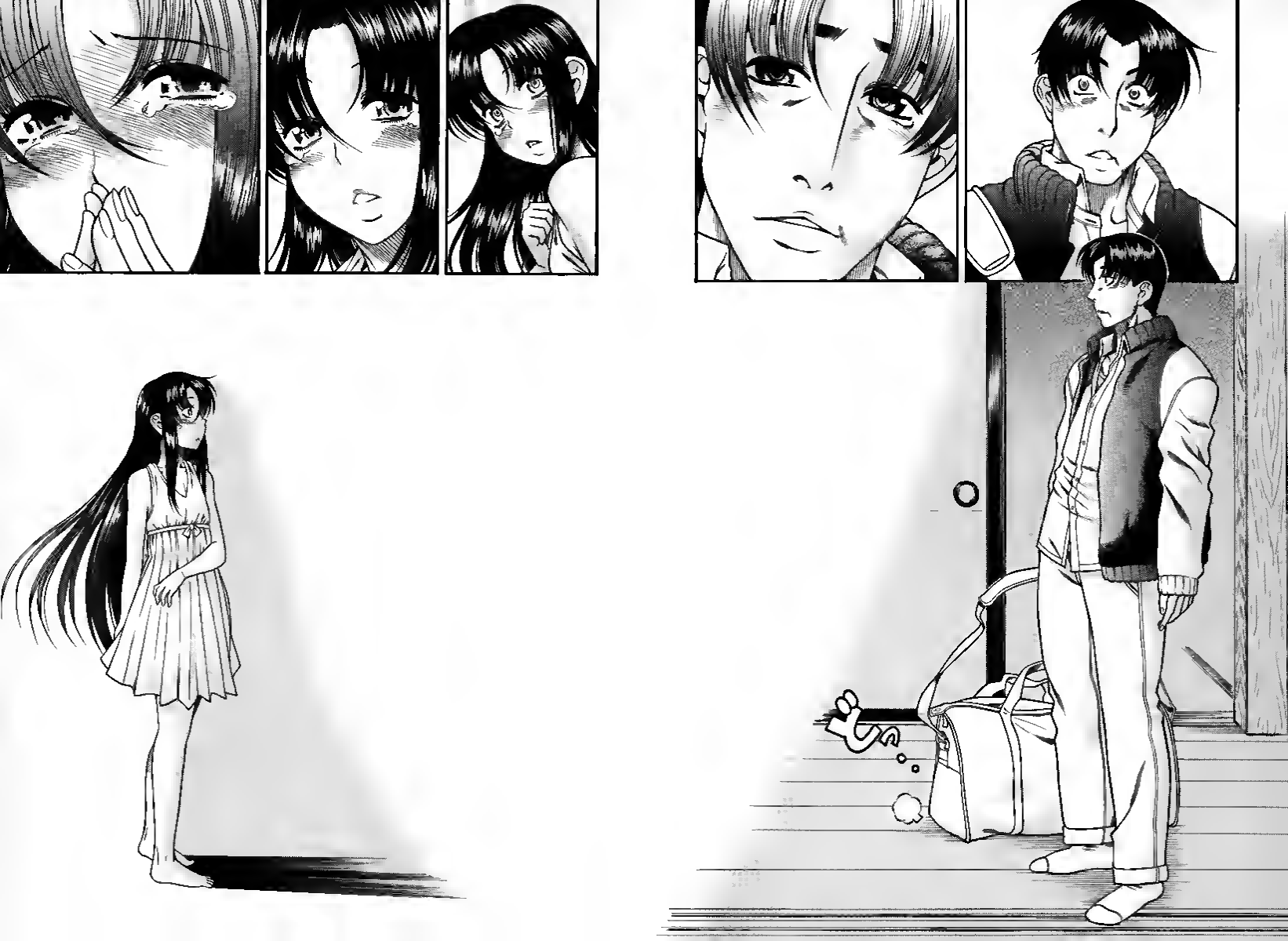

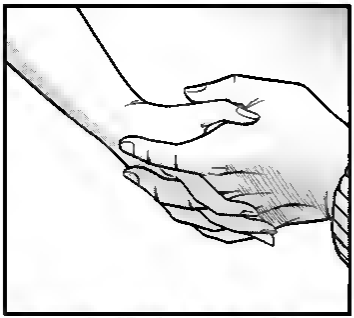
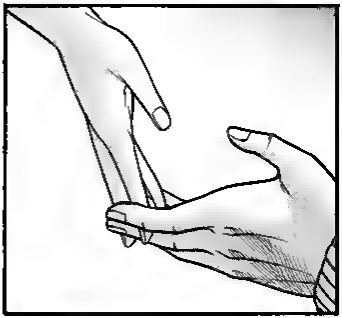

I...
...
AGEH
-SAN
...
I...

YOU IDIOT!!
[CASE. 40 END]

LAST CASE. Finale..

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Why did you run away from me?
I won't listen all your answer!
Because no matter what happened I
I will never forgive you!
Who was that girl!
What did you do?!
Where!?

Beca-
use I
because
Okay
Tsutomu-
kun, I
I
Love
you
Tsutomu-
kun!!
No matter
what...
I've
always
love you.

I was so nervous
I didn't know what to do when you were suffering either
I still might not be able to do anything
So scared about us being together forever
Because I... was married once...
And... I failed..
Ageha -san
Um...
My first marriage..

was like a dream.
Until then, I had seen nothing but dreams..
So this new life fit perfectly..
But..
I was happy
I..
And the feelings of my mother-in-law, in relation to him
The feelings of that person after losing my elder sister

I didn't notice it at all... I ...was so full with my own happiness...
I didn't do anything, for that person
And after he passed away, I just got rid of him.
even thinking, that I had been betrayed...
But...!
But...
that can definitely be said...
It's my fault for not doing anything...
within all the happiness I received
There was nothing there within the 10 years we were together...
I can say it clearly now

Now is different...
But...
Listen Tsutomu-kun!
I... love you
Love you so much...
And...
That how much
So much it pisses me off...
from before...
unlike my childish self...

I will never let you go!!
No matter how many times you run away from now on,
I will catch you again and again,
and then, embrace you!
Don't under-estimate me, I'm older than you!!

But
I...

Things will obviously be fine from here on out!!
Because you're my Tsutomu-kun!
Now stick your chest out, you idiot!!

Stop making fun of me!! And said stuff like that!
Job hunting and graduation my ass!!
What are you worried about your future for?
Because of the baby?

I won't forgive anyone!
Even if...
Who talks bad about the man I love!!
it's about yourself!!

You spit out some words of weakness just now, didn't you?!
There will be none of that!!

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I'm not sure I'm as good as man.....
as you take me...

Have confi-dence!!
I can think of 100 good things about you in an instant!!
It's natural to fail a few times..
That's why we still have time...
Well, you will!!!
The words you said to me in the train
Back then Tsutomu -kun
Do you remem-ber??
That it'd be nice...
That you wanted to become a good man too...

How long do you think we've been together?!
And!
Even if something happens where you alone aren't enough to keep us going,
I'll cheer you on even if it's no use!
So have more confidence!
...
Any... objections?

I know that!
that's kinda cute...
And yet I'm easily crushed...
But I... always get full of myself...
So then I'll...
help you beat your enemies!
But I'm a wuss,
and suck at fighting...
What do you think I'm here for?
I'll get lost with you!!
I quickly get pushed around by situation,
and hesitate a lot...
Exact-ly...
That's why you need an older person to count on!!
I'm a grown up... but I'm a fool who doesn't know anything

Tsutomu-kun I.....
I changed during the time we were together.
I told you, didn't I?
I will never leave the man I love alone again
No matter what! I won't let you get away
I was a coward,
and was grown yet didn't know anything.
A clump of complexes divorced,
and a shortie.
But, thanks to you
hugging me!
I changed.

You did the same thing to me
or do you not want
an old, filet, loud woman
like me?

Let's work hard for each other..
Forever and
ever..
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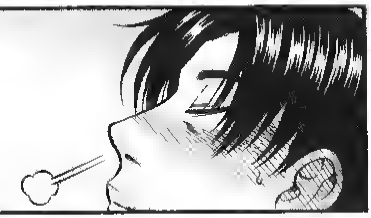

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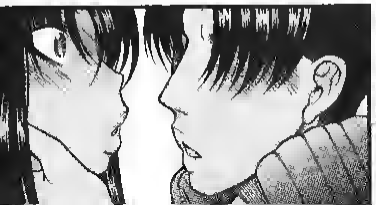

we'll show you a bit of what happened afterwards
and so

He didn't get e very good reception this time either, and it seemed to be very stressing
He continued job hunting this year too, and kept s ending out publications
Err.... next, Itou-kun
Tsutomu-senpai ended up taking another year,
Is thet true?
you already heve e child
Accor-ding to your entry sheet
Yes!
then graduated in the following autumn
Yes, you're exactly right, sir But...
Sounds like you're e bit lacking in the planning area to me
So you couldn't wait until you graduated, huh?
Yes, Born This Spring
But he went to more companies then before, and managed to get e tentetive decision from one
I see
And as for the reason you chose our company
With my wife and child
I hove received the preparation and resolve to keep me from turning back. If you would be kind enough to accept me
I do not regret it
then I will work with every last ounce of strength in my body!

Many other people aside from the Children's Literature Research Club came too.
Then in winter, Tsutomu-san and Ageha-san finally had their wedding.
Aya-chan, long time no see!
How did the swimming go...?
You're late, Fukamizawa-san!
Hey, I had a deadline, alright?
Besides, that bastard told me not to come until I finished my column for him!
I couldn't become a regular, after all but
I'm taking credits for a teaching license now,
so I'm busy with that

He really never did stop getting spanked by that older woman...
But Tsutomu, that bastard...
Oh?

That lucky
Bastard
And he'll keep getting spanked for the rest of his life.
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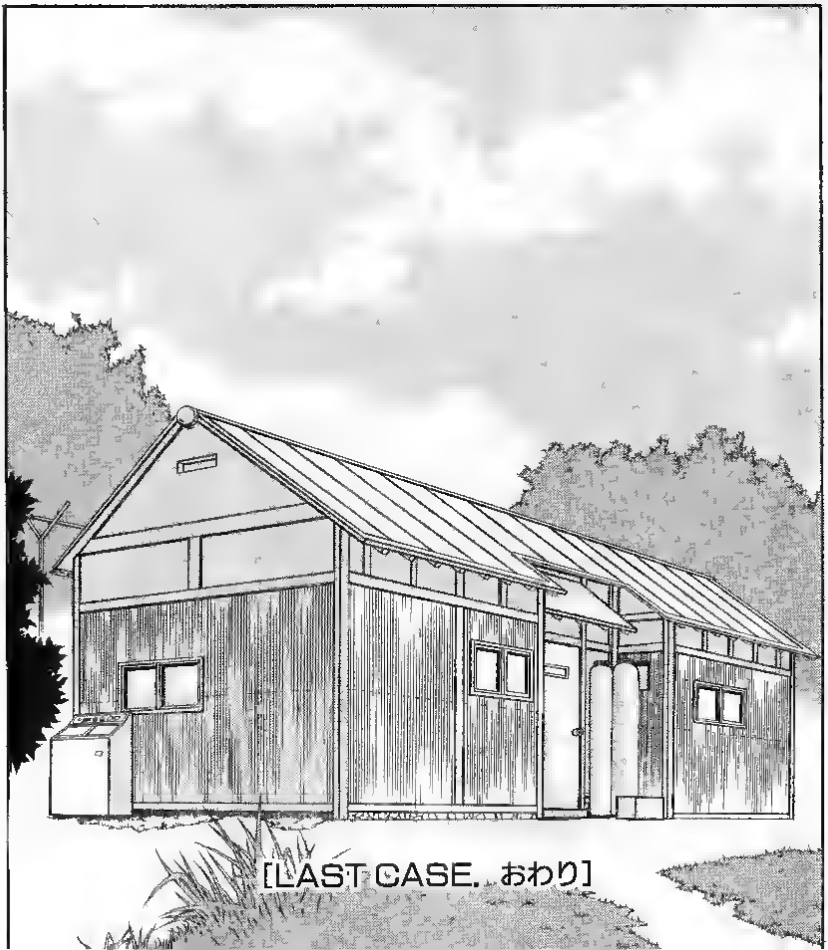
ワァ♡

Good morning
I've come to do some babysitting!
Wehhh! Nanoha-chaaan
Ah! Thanks, Aya-chan! I have a photo shoot until 4, so can you take care of her until then?
Hello, Nanoha-chan
Sorry... there's milk in the fridge,
so could you give it to her?
...so she actually can make milk
Hey, thanks, Aya-chan. Sorry for not being able to pay you
It really helps us
we have to save money until we move
Tsutomu-san!
...did you stay up all night again?

Yeah I have to turn in the manuscript soon, you know
Now I just gotta get on Fukamizawa-san's ass
Now to supply some cheer
are you leaving now, Ageha-san?
Yes
Don't overdo it, Tsutomu-kun!
If you get sick I'm gonna get really mad!!
Yes ma'am!
Tsutomu-kun
do you have enough cheer for me too?
Pleaaase..



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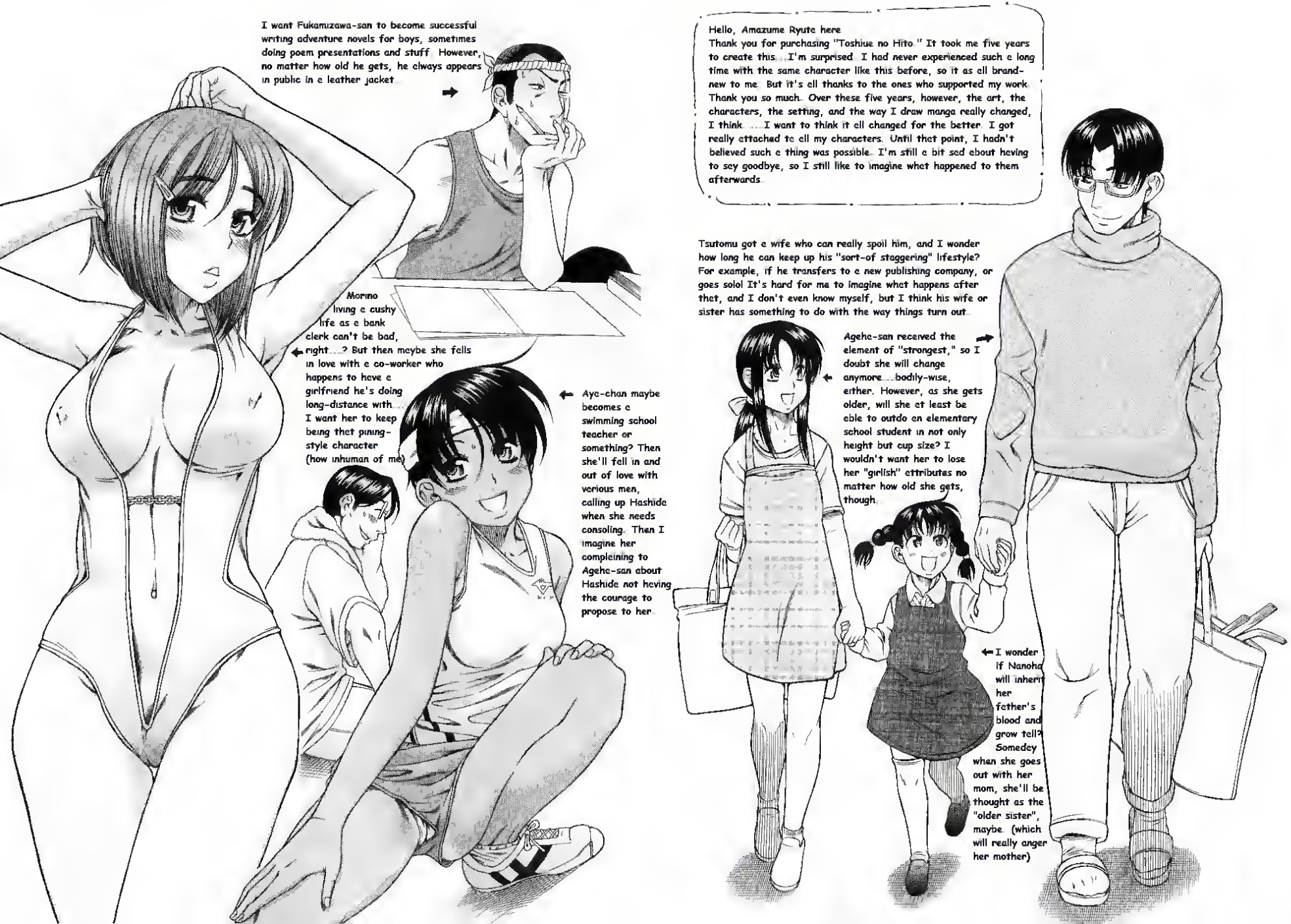
I want Fukamizawa-san to become successful writing adventure novels for boys, sometimes doing poem presentations and stuff. However, no matter how old he gets, he always appears in public in a leather jacket.
Morino living a cushy life as a bank clerk can't be bad, right...? But then maybe she falls in love with a co-worker who happens to have a girlfriend he's doing long-distance with... I want her to keep being that pining-style character (how inhuman of me).
Aya-chan maybe becomes a swimming school teacher or something? Then she'll fall in and out of love with various men, calling up Hashide when she needs consoling. Then I imagine her complaining to Agehe-san about Hashide not having the courage to propose to her.
Hello, Amazume Ryuta here.
Thank you for purchasing "Toshiue no Hito." It took me five years to create this... I'm surprised. I had never experienced such a long time with the same character like this before, so it as all brand-new to me. But it's all thanks to the ones who supported my work. Thank you so much. Over these five years, however, the art, the characters, the setting, and the way I draw manga really changed, I think... I want to think it all changed for the better. I got really attached to all my characters. Until that point, I hadn't believed such a thing was possible. I'm still a bit sad about having to say goodbye, so I still like to imagine what happened to them afterwards.
Tsutomu got a wife who can really spoil him, and I wonder how long he can keep up his "sort-of staggering" lifestyle? For example, if he transfers to a new publishing company, or goes solo! It's hard for me to imagine what happens after that, and I don't even know myself, but I think his wife or sister has something to do with the way things turn out.
Agehe-san received the element of "strongest," so I doubt she will change anymore... bodily-wise, either. However, as she gets older, will she at least be able to outdo an elementary school student in not only height but cup size? I wouldn't want her to lose her "girlish" attributes no matter how old she gets, though.
I wonder if Nanoha will inherit her father's blood and grow tall? Someday when she goes out with her mom, she'll be thought as the "older sister", maybe. (which will really anger her mother)

ART STAFF People

I started helping out from the latter half, so I wasn't able to contribute THAT much.

This was a long serialization, so good work! Make sure not to sleep too much while playing videogames, sensei~

Kei-sama

She helped me on everything from inking to backgrounds. Thank you so much. I know I shouldn't be saying this, but make sure you eat right!

Black Endo

Did mostly inking. He was a nice guy who would sometimes speak in strange voices. It's OK at work, but don't do outside. Got it? By the way, he's AKB48 apparently.

Things ended without me being able to draw any background settings... will we still be able to pull of Fukamizawa-sensei's "High School Fighting Arc?!"

As seen on the right, apparently we were going to change the story so that Sato-san the cameraman beat Tsutomu-san up so bad that he ends up going into the AV business. Kakeke...

Pa ro

Did mostly backgrounds. A frightening man. Like a bad companion... I hope he takes that as a compliment.

Murakie

Did mostly toning. He took care of all the women's soft skin. Great work. Don't waste too much time on Niconico Douga!

Congratulations on finishing "Toshiue" & Great work.

Nozakuma, who feels like he was also the overseer of electronic warfare.

Nozakuma

Did mostly coloring. He did all the shading and coloring including covers. Was a huge help. Take care of yourself!

Thanks to everyone

In my head, I have these two going out together, going to love hotels and stuff. I really liked Asoi-senpai as a character, but I couldn't really fit them into the conclusion I desired for Ageha and Tsutomu... Asai-san went abroad for a year once, so maybe she becomes a middle school English teacher (a teacher with glasses!!) Hayashi-senpai probably stays as a research student at the university forever, never losing that "student" feeling. No matter when someone meets him, they always ask "You're STILL in school?"

The only character more biting than Morino is Mai-chan. She has the sorrowful fate of being attracted to losers, but since she has such a positive personality, I'm sure she's off taking a trip somewhere and spoiling some good-for-nothing man... I wish she'd come to my place.

I ended up losing sight of Sada, when I originally wondered if I was going to have him sleep with Ageha-san. Or maybe have him make contact with his old girlfriend for the first time in 10 years... all the men I draw are really effeminate. Sorry.

Well, that's it! Thanks for reading for so long. Let's meet in my next series <3
Amazume Ryuta, signing out!

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Welcome to the last volume of Toshiue no Hito.
Been a while, hasn't it?
Sorry this took so long, I'm a lazy bum.

In apology, here's a loli in a box.
Enjoy.

THANKS

(If you should be in here but are not you just suck or didn't do enough)

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